



Young Person's Guarantee (YPG)  
Update to Economy, Business Growth & Skills  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
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Recommendation:

Scrutiny Committee are asked to note and discuss the progress of the Young Person's Guarantee



## What is the Young Person's Guarantee?

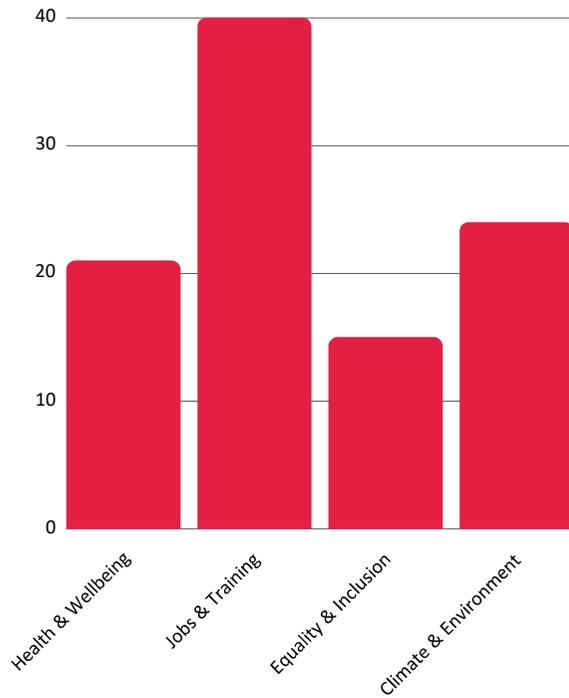
- The 'guarantee' is that the GM system will listen to and act on the priorities expressed by young people themselves
- A 'moment in time' snapshot of young people's concerns
- In the context of the pandemic and with a view to concerns for social, educational and economic recovery
- A system-wide model to coordinate responses to the priorities of GM young people aged 11-30
- Children and Young People's voices at the heart of the ongoing delivery
- Key role in linking parts of the GM system together to deliver against the YPG priorities



# The key themes and issues young people told us about

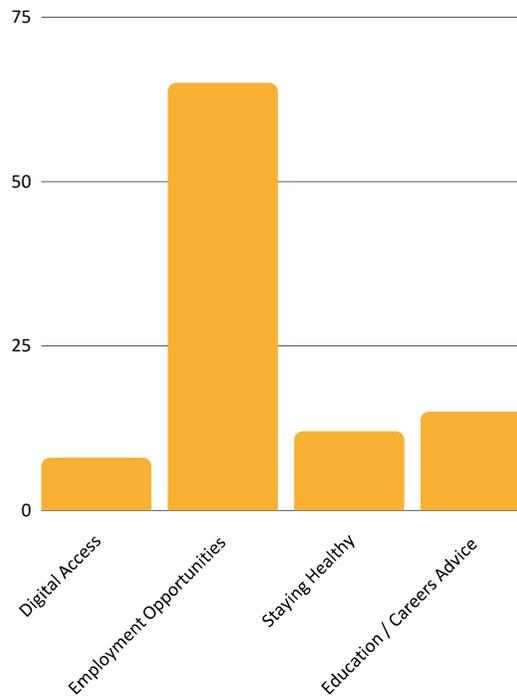
Which of these is most important to you right now?

Health & Wellbeing - 21%  
Jobs & Training - 40%  
Equality & Inclusion - 15%  
Climate & Environment - 24%



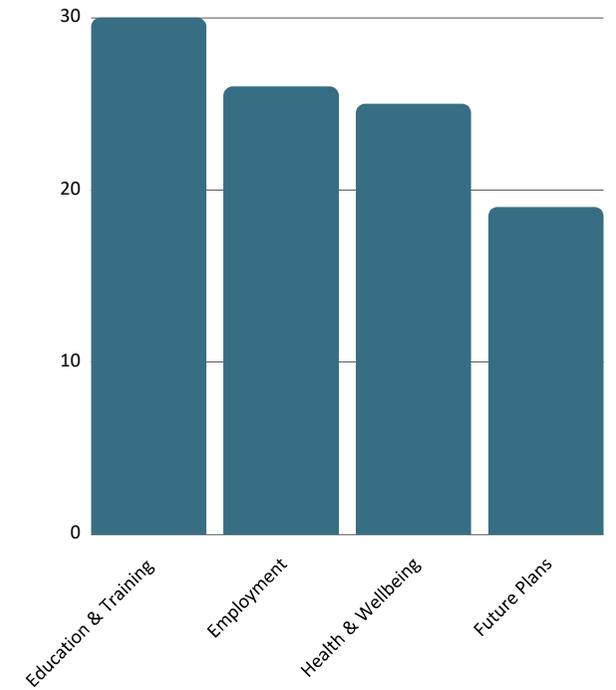
What do you most need support with right now?

Digital Access - 8%  
Employment Opportunities - 65%  
Staying Healthy - 12%  
Education / Careers Advice - 15%



What has the coronavirus pandemic affected the most?

Education & Training - 30%  
Employment - 26%  
Health & Wellbeing - 25%  
Future Plans - 19%



YPG Priorities

YPG Workstreams

Keeping Connected

- More digital kit and better connectivity
- Support to help young people work online
- Public transport easier and safer to access
- improved alternative forms of transport

- <25's Digital Inclusion
- Care Leaver Digital Offer
- Youth Voice Network

Staying Well

- Improved access to mental health support for those not in employment or education
- Better signposting to mental health support
- More opportunities and signposting to participate in positive social action and wellbeing/ personal development activities
- Safe learning environments

- Young People's Mental Health: Partnership with BeeWell
  - Social Action: GM100
- GM iThrive Mental Health Working Group

Making Effective Transitions

- Address potential disadvantage caused by school & exam disruption
- More professional careers advice
- Improve life skills and financial literacy in the curriculum
- Increase availability of education, training and reskilling opportunities for NEET and redundant young people
- More self-employment and entrepreneurship support
- More work experience placements to those in need
- Increase number and availability of diverse and representative leaders and mentors

- Care Leavers Guarantee
- GMACS YPG Content

Reducing Economic Inequalities

- More support to employers to encourage creation of more jobs and apprenticeships for young people
- Ensure inclusive and equitable access to new employment opportunities and employability schemes, particularly for those with more needs and barriers
- Increase the level of job/ apprenticeship support given to unemployed young people
- Develop mechanisms that increase job security

- YPG pledges: employment and training opportunities
  - Operation Black Vote
- Pledge5 event October 2021

## Current status and next steps

- Ongoing system engagement against remaining gaps
- YPG principles embedded in the new Children's Plan and GMS
- Planning for YPG transition into BAU – KPI's, actions, ownership, resource implications
- Define Youth Voice plan by end December 2021
- Care Leavers offer
- Working on enhancing GMACS with YPG-specific content

