



**REQUEST 17137**

Might you please provide details of the following:

1. Details of any schemes or programs operated directly by the local authority under the UKSPF People and Skills priority area. Include the budget and the number of staff allocated to the program or scheme and where appropriate the length of the program or scheme.
2. Details of any organisation which has been awarded contracts by the local authority to deliver services covered by the remit of the UKSPF People and Skills priority area, such as upskilling, employment support, and skills provision. Include the names of the organisations, the amounts awarded, and the length of the contract.

**RESPONSE**

Wigan Council are directly delivering the UKSPF NEET programme under the People and Skills element. The Aspiring Futures Team has employed 4.6 FTE Progression Mentors to support young people to gain outcomes over the course of the programme up until September 2025. In addition, we have 2.0 FTE Careers/Progression Advisers who are funded to support our care leavers as well as our young people identified as at risk of NEET.

Wigan Council have been allocated £625,000 for use between October 2023 until end September 2025.

Some local organisations have been funded to provide learning provision engagement or employability support to individual young people participating on the programme. The provision has been purchased based on client needs and addressing any current gaps alongside other funded provision. Providers include the following who are funded until March 2025.

- Funding Futures 'Empower Her' project, 8 week accredited beauty programme for 10 young people £10,000
- Kip McGrath Maths and English tuition, regular sessions for individuals £7,170
- The Ark Hair and Beauty provider and accredited courses £4,125
- Headstart Hairdressing provider and accredited courses £7,650
- Sunshine House 'Learn to Earn' programme. employability project and work placement for young people £3,305
- Higher Folds Works employability and engagement programme £4,000