

Role Summary

New Post(s) Job Title	Post 16 Aspiration Officer 0.6 to 1 FTE Funded until Aug 24
Indicative Grade range:	Grade E - £26,910

The Virtual school is committed to supporting all Children and young people in care to achieve their best educational outcomes. Devon recognises that we need to improve the life chances for our Children in care by ensuring they engage with education and are well supported by schools, colleges, carers, careers services and social care to be aspirational and have every chance to realise their ambitions. As corporate parents we have a duty to encourage our young people and provide every opportunity for success to enable each young person to be independent, resilient, contributing members of society. There is a particular need to reduce the number of young people aged 16-18 who are not in education, employment or training, (NEET) who have disengaged from learning and are not therefore ready to support themselves as care leavers. This work needs to begin when Children are in secondary school to prevent them becoming NEET so this post would work with younger children in care to raise aspiration to be engaged.

Specific aims of the post

- To reduce the NEET (not in education employment or training) numbers for Devon young people in care aged 16-18
- To provide an expertise in the Virtual school on opportunities available to young people who are not engaged in Education employment or training within colleges and other providers
- To work closely with the post 16 Learning Advocate to identify opportunities for young people in care who are NEET
- To work closely with the Virtual school Area Learning Advocates to identify young people from age 12 who are at risk of being NEET post 16 to support them to look at future learning opportunities and be aspirational
- To attend Pep meetings and CIC reviews for the NEET cohort as directed by the post 16 Learning Advocate
- To liaise with FE providers in supporting young people to manage their courses and not drop out
- To attend concern/ disciplinary meetings for CIC at risk of losing FE places
- To work with the post 16 Learning Advocate to establish a mentoring scheme of young people in care post 16 supporting younger Children in care to provide aspiration and a role model
- To liaise with carers, social care teams , FE providers and other professionals to encourage high aspirations for our children in care to lead to best possible educational outcomes