

The Supply of Education and Training in Cheshire and Warrington

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Providers of post-16 Further Education in Cheshire and Warrington

- 40 providers funded by the ESFA that delivered further education (excluding apprenticeships and Higher Education) in Cheshire and Warrington
- The overall FE achievement rate for Cheshire and Warrington in 2018/19 was 87.8%, 1.8% higher than for delivery across the country which stood at 86%.
- 34 providers delivered FE to adults in Cheshire and Warrington in 2018/19.
- Achievement rates for adults aged 19+ in FE in 2018/19 were 1.5% higher in Cheshire and Warrington than for national (90.6% compared to 89.1%).
- 12 providers delivered FE to young people in Cheshire and Warrington in 2018/19.
- The achievement rate for 16-18 year olds learning in Cheshire and Warrington was 86% which exceeded the national achievement rate of 82.6% by 3.4%.

Apprenticeships in Cheshire and Warrington

- 465 providers delivered apprenticeships to residents of Cheshire and Warrington in 2018/19.
- In 2018/19 there were 6,440 apprenticeship starts with 3,393 employers.
- On average each employer started 1.9 apprentices.
- In 2018/19 there were 62 employers with over 10 apprenticeship starts in the year and six of those had over 30 starts.
- The overall apprenticeship achievement rate for Cheshire and Warrington residents in 2018/19, at 65.1%, was slightly higher than the overall national apprenticeship achievement rate of 64.7%.

Travel to Learn: Young People

In 2018/19:

- There were a total of 1,354 Cheshire and Warrington residents aged 16-18 enrolled with providers outside of C&W.
- Over 100 young people resident in Cheshire and Warrington enrolled with providers in each of Halton, St Helens, Wigan, Stockport, Wirral, and Manchester.
- 2,952 16-18 learners resident outside of Cheshire and Warrington were enrolled with Cheshire and Warrington based providers.
- Halton, Staffordshire, Shropshire and Wirral all had in excess of 200 young people enrolled with Cheshire and Warrington providers.

Travel to Learn: Adults

The devolution of the Adult Education Budget in 2019/2020 to the Liverpool City Region and Greater Manchester Combined Authorities is likely to make a significant impact on the volumes of adults from these places learning with Cheshire and Warrington providers.

In 2018/19:

- There were 9,766 Cheshire and Warrington adult (19+) resident learners enrolled with providers based outside of C&W.
- Over 500 adult residents of C&W enrolled with providers in each of Manchester, Liverpool, Stockport and St Helens.
- 14,845 adult residents of other local authorities enrolled with C&W based providers
- Halton, Wirral, St Helens and Wigan each had in excess of 1,000 adult (19+) learners enrolled with Cheshire and Warrington providers. Funding for adult learning has now been devolved (from 2019/20) in all of these places.

Ofsted Inspections

Ofsted Inspections in Cheshire and Warrington 2017-2018

	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate
Colleges, including sixth form and specialist and independent specialist colleges	1	5	0	0
Community Learning Providers	0	2	0	0
Independent Training Providers	1	1	3	n/a

Source: Ofsted

In addition, Ofsted has judged 12 new providers to be making 'Reasonable Progress' in this time.

LEP Skills Capital

Investment Pot 1 – Small Projects

- Cheshire College South and West The Digital Hub - Digital Doorstep
- Livewire Made.Digital
- UTC Warrington Cyber Security and Networking Lab
- Warrington & Vale Royal College Community Digital Learning Hub
- YouthFed Yocto Digital

Investment Pot 2 – Medium Projects

- Astra Zeneca STEM Centre / Digital Innovation Hub
- Carpe Diem Inspiration Open To All - IOTA

Investment Pot 3 – Large Projects

- Cheshire College South and West The Digital Hub - Project 4.0
- Macclesfield College Digital Skills Hub
- Reaseheath College Centre for Dairy Automation and Robotic Milking
- Reaseheath College Vertical Farming Centre
- University of Chester High Performance Private Cloud
- Warrington & Vale Royal College Advanced M/facturing Engineering Training Centres