

Title of paper:	Unemployment in Nottingham and its impact on young people	
Report to:	Children's Partnership Board	
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Relevant Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) objectives(s):		
Provide early, effective support and protection to children, young people and families		Yes
Nurture and support strong, healthy families		Yes
Increase children and young people's emotional resilience and the maturity of their decision-making		Yes
Ensure that all our children, young people and families are provided with a sound foundation for lifelong learning and progression into skilled economic activity		Yes
Reduce deprivation and its impact on children and young people		Yes
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
<p>This document and the full briefing paper seek to explore the issue of rising unemployment locally and the impact that the recession may have on children and young people. It explains what the current rate of unemployment is, what is likely to happen to the rate of unemployment over the next few years, what will be the likely impact on young people and what the local authority's response currently is.</p>		

Recommendations:	
1	The board considers the attached report and the issues highlighted within it.
2	The board notes Table 0.1 – Possible impacts of the recession on young people and service provision.
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1. BACKGROUND AND PROPOSALS

Further detail is contained in the full report. This is a briefing document and there are no proposals contained within it, rather it is to inform the group of the issues and what is taking place to address them.

However it is worthwhile that:-

The board notes that demand for services is likely to increase over the next few years, at the same time as funding and capacity within the public and 3rd sectors will decrease.

The board notes that the impacts of unemployment and policy responses are different depending on the age groups of young people. In particular 18-24 year olds, 16 to 18 year olds, and under 16's.

The board notes that unemployment in the city has been predicted to rise until 2011. The recovery is predicted to be slower in Nottingham than elsewhere with claimant rates significantly higher than current levels well into 2013.

The board notes that the Job Seeker Allowance claimant rates amongst 18-24 year olds are currently the highest they have been since August 1997. They have been masked somewhat over the last decade by a sharp increase in university students within the city. The official claimant rate is currently 6.2%, but research done recently for the Future Jobs Fund put the figure at over 11% excluding university students.

The board notes that the NEET and Not Known rates for 16 to 18 year olds have been decreasing over the last few years and are not showing any serious signs of increasing. There is enough provision within Further Education to bridge any decline in apprenticeships or work based learning that may materialise as a result of the recession, although there are no signs of this being needed yet. Official NEET percentages also slightly mask the true level of city residents who are NEET and Not Known due to county residents attending the colleges.

2. RISKS:

Table 0.1 – Possible impacts of the recession on young people and service provision

Age group	Effects of rising unemployment on specific age group	General effects of rising unemployment on all ages
0 - 5 year olds	Higher Infant Mortality, more low birth-weight babies	Higher levels of child poverty Higher levels of debt Increase in Child Tax Credits Greater family stress
	Higher demand on Health Visitors	
	Higher breastfeeding rates	
	Lower demand for childcare	
	Higher usage of Children's Centres	
5 - 11 year olds	Rising pupil numbers due to less going to independent schools	Higher risk of family breakup and absent parents Higher levels of Looked After, Child Protection and safeguarding issues
	Rising Free School Meals	
	Less able to afford school uniforms	
	Higher exclusions	
	Higher absence	
	Higher levels of bullying	
11 - 15 year olds	Lower attainment	More referrals and assessments within social care Poorer emotional & mental health; higher rate of referrals to CAMHS and adult mental health services
	Rising pupil numbers due to less going to independent schools	
	Rising Free School Meals	
	Less able to afford school uniforms	
	Higher exclusions	
	Higher absence	
	Higher levels of bullying	
	Lower attainment	
16 - 18 year olds	Higher crime & ASB	Poorer and more overcrowded housing Poorer home diet and health Higher crime & ASB Higher drug and alcohol usage
	Higher drug & alcohol usage	
	Higher NEET levels	
	Higher Not Known levels	
	Lower number of apprenticeships	
	Higher FE participation	
	Fewer part time vacancies to support FE	
Higher Education Maintenance Allowance		
18 - 24 year olds	Higher crime & ASB	Lower aspirations Lower levels of public sector funding Lower levels of 3rd sector funding
	Higher drug & alcohol usage	
	Higher demand for university places, more people rejected	
	Fewer part time vacancies to support FE	
	Fewer job vacancies upon graduation	
	Those with lower skills unable to compete in jobs market	

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Demand for certain services is likely to increase over the next few years due to unemployment, at the same time as funding and capacity will decrease.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None

5. CLIENT GROUP:

All children and young people.

6. IMPACT ON EQUALITIES ISSUES

Rising unemployment can impact on all children and young people.

7. OUTCOMES AND PRIORITIES AFFECTED:

Greater levels of poverty and unemployment lead to poorer outcomes across the board, from health, safety, education, positive activities and economic well being.

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Further background documents, for reading after the meeting, can be tabled on the day if required. Please list relevant papers and inform colleagues if they need to undertake additional research on this paper BEFORE the meeting.