

Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of Board Meeting	22 nd July 2026
Title of Report or Presentation	Young People & Work (Milburn Review) – Interim Findings
Executive Summary Section	
In May 2026, former Darlington MP and Health Secretary Alan Milburn published the interim findings of his independent review into the rising number of young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET). The review highlights the growing role of health, particularly mental health, in driving youth economic inactivity, and points to wider structural challenges across education, employment, welfare and health systems. This report summarises the key findings and provides some estimates of the scale of the challenge in South Tyneside.	

Health and Wellbeing Board Action Request		
[Double click on box]	Type	Reasoning
☐	Decision Needed	If a decision is needed or additional funding is sought, please indicate whether a funding stream has been identified:
☐	Endorsement Needed	If an endorsement of a way forward is needed, please provide details:
☒	Information Sharing Only	

Health and Wellbeing Board Theme	
[Double click on box]	Outcome
☒	Giving Every Child and Young Person the Best Start
☐	All Residents Live and Age Well
☒	Financial Security to Lead Healthy, Fulfilling Lives
☒	Safe and Healthy Places to Live, Learn, and Work
☒	Good Mental Well-Being and Social Connectivity Across the Life Course
☐	Fair Delivery of Service
☒	Public Involvement and Community Engagement

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