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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Participation Measure</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To update the Inverclyde Alliance Board on the publication of the Annual Participation Measure for 16-19 year olds in Scotland 2018.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 In 2012 the Scottish Government made an explicit commitment to offer a place in learning or training to every 16-19 year old in Scotland who is not currently in employment, education or training. This *Opportunities for All (OfA)* pledge aims to ensure all young people are supported in their path to sustainable employment.

To deliver this commitment, the Government asked organisations involved in supporting young people to share the information they hold on each individual's needs to create a shared data set, so that informed help could be provided by the appropriate agency as and when a young person needs it.

As agreed by Scottish Ministers, from August 2017, the Annual Participation measure will be adopted within the Scottish Government's National Performance Framework. It is replacing the school leaver destination follow up as the source of the indicator, "increase the proportion of young people in learning, training or work" published through Scotland Performs.

The annual participation measure (PM) reports on the activity of the wider 16-19 year old cohort, including those at school, and will help to inform policy, planning and service delivery and determine the impact of the OfA commitment. The measure uses the shared data set managed by Skills Development Scotland (SDS) on our Customer Support System (CSS). Central to the maintenance of the shared dataset is the sharing of information to allow partners to identify what young people are doing in 'real time' throughout their 16-19 journeys. It also allows SDS and partners to improve service delivery and provide a more tailored offer, helping to identify the right time to engage with customers.

- 2.2 The data for the Participation Measure is a shared dataset with Local Authorities through SEEMIS, Scottish Colleges, SAAS, DWP<sup>1</sup>, and NTP. There is currently no centralised sharing of data with Community Learning and Development or Third Sector providers who would be in a position to provide data on programmes within the Training and Other Personal Development status grouping. In Inverclyde, SDS is working with CLD and Inverclyde Trust to trial data sharing for the Participation Measure. The most important missing individual level data is on young people who are in employment. SDS continues to work with the Scottish Government and HMRC to make progress in obtaining employment related data made possible by provisions in the Digital Economy (Act) 2017. This key development in information sharing will help improve service delivery and further enhance the annual participation measure
- 2.3 There are 3,190 young people in Inverclyde in the 16 -19 year old cohort, 182 fewer than last year.
- 2.4 91.6% of 16 – 19 year olds are participating in education, training or employment compared to 91.8% nationally. In Inverclyde, this is a 0 .3% decrease compared with last year and puts Inverclyde in a position of 20<sup>th</sup> out of 32 Local Authorities in relation to the Participation Measure.
- 2.5 4.2% of 16-19 year olds are not participating which is a 0 .3% percentage increase compared to 2017. This includes young people who are unemployed and seeking employment (2.1%) and those who are unemployed and not seeking employment (2.1%) There is a rise in those who are not seeking employment with the figure being (1.8%) in 2017. By age, the largest proportion of those not participating are 18 and 19 year olds (6.1%) and (7.2%) respectively.
- 2.6 4.2% of 16 – 19 year olds in Inverclyde have an unconfirmed status compared to 4.7% nationally. This is a 0.1 percentage point rise compared to 2017. They may be in employment but this is cannot be confirmed.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board:
- a. Notes the changes to the Participation Measure for Inverclyde and continues to support the mechanisms to encourage young people to participate and reduce the number of unconfirmed destinations.

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<sup>1</sup> DWP in Inverclyde have full rollout of Universal Credit which cannot currently be shared through the datahub and may impact on number of unconfirmed statuses.

## 4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 This report marks the fourth release of data on the participation of 16-19 year olds at a national and local authority level. It is the second publication that uses the annual participation measure as opposed to the snapshot measure. The annual measure takes account of all statuses for individuals over the course of the year as rather than focusing on an individual's status on a single day, as adopted by the 2015 snapshot methodology. The participation classification of each customer is calculated by combining the number of days spent in each status between 1st April and 31st March. The overall participation classification (participating, not participating and unconfirmed) is based on the classification which has the highest sum of days.

This fourth national report contains analysis of the 2018 outcomes and where possible compares these to 2017, including:

- Participation by status and age
- Participation by the equality characteristics of gender, ethnicity and disability
- Participation by geography including local authority and SIMD (2016).

**Appendix One of the Annual Participation Measure 2018** outlines notes to readers. This includes the definitions and background to the methodology used to populate the annual measure.

In addition, **Supplementary Statistics Tables** are available in excel format on the SDS website

## 5.0 PROPOSALS

5.1 That consideration is given to using annual participation measure data in Local Outcome Improvement Plan measures.

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Equality and Diversity: N/A  
Repopulation: N/A  
Inequalities: N/A

## 7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 N/A

## 8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Annual Participation Measure Report Summary for Inverclyde 2018  
[Annual participation Measure Summary Inverclyde 2018](#)

Annual Participation Measure for 16-19 year olds in Scotland 2018  
[Annual Participation Measure for 16 -19 year olds in Scotland 2018](#)

## Summary for Inverclyde Council



**3,190**

The Participation Measure covers the 16-19 year old cohort

**91.6%**

Of 16-19 year olds were **participating** in education, training or employment compared to **91.8%** nationally.

A **0.3** percentage point fall compared to 2017.

**4.2%**

were **not participating** i.e. those unemployed seeking employment and others unemployed and not seeking e.g. economically inactive compared to **3.4%** nationally.

A **0.3** percentage point rise compared to 2017.

**4.2%**

With an **unconfirmed status** compared to **4.7%** nationally.

It is believed a proportion of those reported here could be in employment but this cannot be confirmed.<sup>1</sup>

A **0.1** percentage point rise compared to 2017.



**75.0%**

in Education  
75.4% in 2017



**2.1%**

Unemployed Seeking  
2.1% in 2017



The annual participation measure takes account of the status for all 16-19 year olds from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. All statuses are combined to calculate the participation headline classification and the status grouping displayed.

(Percentages and percentage point change may not total due to rounding)



**15.2%**

in Employment  
15.3% in 2017



**2.1%**

Unemployed Not Seeking  
1.8% in 2017



**1.4%**

in Training & Personal Development  
1.2% in 2017

<sup>1</sup> Skills Development Scotland continues to work with the Scottish Government and HMRC to make progress in obtaining employment related data made possible through provisions within the Digital Economy (Act) 2017. Information sharing will improve service delivery and further enhance the annual participation measure. This should bring benefits in reducing the number of unconfirmed statuses. The parties are in the process of carrying out a Proof of Concept with HMRC to test whether accessing tax data will enhance the coverage of young people who are in employment and bring about these benefits.



# 2018 Annual Participation Measure Report

## Summary for Inverclyde Council

This report marks the fourth release of statistics on the participation of 16-19 year olds at a national and local authority level, and is the third year using the current Annual Participation Measure reporting methodology. The annual methodology takes account of all statuses for 16-19 year olds in Scotland over one calendar year (1st April – 31st March). For each of the 211,255 individuals included within the annual measure cohort, the headline participation classification (participating, not participating and unconfirmed) is based on the classification within which each individual spent the greatest number of days.

Since August 2017, the Annual Participation Measure has been the source of the National Performance Framework indicator, “**increase the proportion of young people in learning, training or work**”.

The full annual participation measure 2018 report and accompanying supplementary tables are available in the [participation measure statistics page](#) of the Skills Development Scotland website.

The summary below provides a comparison between the 2018 and 2017 local authority results along with the 2018 results for Scotland.

**The proportion of 16-19 year olds participating for Inverclyde Council was 91.6%, a 0.3 percentage point fall from 2017 (91.9%) and 0.2pp lower than the national rate (91.8%).**

	<u>Scotland</u>
— The annual participation rate for 16 year olds is suppressed as it is disclosive.	98.9%
— The annual participation rate for 17 year olds is suppressed as it is disclosive.	94.6%
↓ 18 year olds the rate was 89.9%, a 0.2 percentage point fall from 2017 (90.1%).	89.9%
↓ 19 year olds the rate was 81.7%, a 1.2 percentage point fall from 2017 (82.9%).	84.5%

**The proportion of 16-19 year olds not participating for Inverclyde Council was 4.2%, a 0.3 percentage point rise from 2017 (3.9%) and 0.8pp higher than the national rate (3.4%).**

	<u>Scotland</u>
— The annual non-participation rate for 16 year olds is suppressed as it is disclosive.	0.9%
— The annual non-participation rate for 17 year olds is suppressed as it is disclosive.	3.6%
↓ 18 year olds the rate was 6.1%, a 0.5 percentage point fall from 2017 (6.6%).	4.9%
↑ 19 year olds the rate was 7.2%, a 1.6 percentage point rise from 2017 (5.6%).	4.2%

**The proportion of 16-19 year olds reported as unconfirmed for Inverclyde Council was 4.2%, a 0.1 percentage point rise from 2017 (4.1%) and 0.5pp lower than the national rate (4.7%).**

	<u>Scotland</u>
— The annual unconfirmed rate for 16 year olds is suppressed as it is disclosive.	0.2%
— The annual unconfirmed rate for 17 year olds is suppressed as it is disclosive.	1.8%
↑ 18 year olds the rate was 4.0%, a 0.7 percentage point rise from 2017 (3.3%).	5.1%
↓ 19 year olds the rate was 11.1%, a 0.4 percentage point fall from 2017 (11.5%).	11.3%