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County and unitary authorities in March 2007 with NEET hotspots in the South East are Reading, Portsmouth, Southampton and Brighton & Hove. Bracknell Forest, Slough, Kent, Medway, Milton Keynes and East Sussex local authorities all have percentages of young people not in education, employment or training that are above the South East average of 6.1 per cent.

	Hotspot 2006	Hotspot 2007	Jan - Mar 2006	Jan - Mar 2007	% point increase/ decrease
ENGLAND			8.6%	8.0%	-0.6%
SOUTH EAST			6.5%	6.1%	-0.4%
Bracknell - Forest			8.7%	7.3%	-1.4%
Reading			11.3%	9.4%	-1.9%
Windsor & Maidenhead			4.7%	4.7%	0.0%
Slough			10.0%	7.0%	-3.0%
West Berkshire			6.4%	5.2%	-1.2%
Wokingham			6.0%	5.1%	-0.9%
Kent			7.1%	7.2%	0.1%
Medway			9.7%	7.2%	-2.5%
Buckinghamshire			4.4%	3.5%	-0.9%
Milton Keynes			8.4%	7.1%	-1.3%
Oxfordshire			5.5%	5.0%	-0.5%
Portsmouth			10.0%	10.7%	0.7%
Southampton			10.6%	10.0%	-0.6%
Isle of White			5.9%	6.1%	0.2%
Hampshire			5.2%	5.4%	0.2%
Surrey			4.1%	3.7%	-0.4%
Brighton & Hove			11.2%	11.0%	-0.2%
East Sussex			8.4%	7.8%	-0.6%
West Sussex			4.8%	4.7%	-0.1%

Source: CCIS data, Government Office for the South East, March 2007

Information on sub areas or districts within these counties and unitary authorities were provided by Connexions for South Central (Hampshire and IOW), Berkshire, East Sussex, Brighton & Hove, Surrey and Kent and Medway.

The more geographically detailed analysis shows that the following sub areas or districts may be NEET hotspots: Gosport, Portsmouth, Southampton, Test Valley (Hampshire and IOW), Bracknell, Reading and Slough (within Berkshire), Folkestone, Swale and Thanet (within Kent and Medway) and Brighton & Hove and Hastings (within Brighton & Hove and East Sussex). There are no areas defined as hotspots in the Surrey area.

When interpreting these data it is important to note that the numbers for sub areas are fairly small and therefore the percentage of NEETs is more likely to fluctuate over time. Also please note that at the time of this paper Connexions partnerships were unable to provide data for West Sussex, Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

Local Area Analysis: Proportion of 16-18 year olds NEET

	Hotspots and Warmspots	% NEET (inc PDOs) March 2007 (not adjusted)
South Central		5.7
Basingstoke		4.6
East Hants		5.2
Eastleigh		3.8
Fareham		5.0
Gosport		7.7
Hart		5.9
Havant		5.1
IOW		5.4
New Forest		4.7
Portsmouth		9.5
Rushmoor		5.5
Southampton		8.7
Test Valley		8.3
Winchester		2.3
Berkshire		6.3
Bracknell		6.9
Reading		9.0
Slough		7.2
West Berks		4.9
RBWM (Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead)		4.3
Wokingham		4.9
Kent and Medway		6.2
Ashford		4.9
Canterbury		5.4
Dartford		4.9
Dover		6.4
Folkestone		8.6
Gravesend		5.5
Maidstone		6.4
Swale		9.8
Thanet		10.4
Tonbridge		2.1
Surrey		3.5
Elmbridge		3.6
Epsom & Ewell		3.6
Guildford		2.9
Mole Valley		2.6
Reigate & Banstead		4.9
Runnymede		4.0
Spelthorne		4.0
Surrey Heath		3.3

Tandridge		3.7
Waverley		2.2
Woking		4.1
Sussex (currently excludes West Sussex)		8.0
Brighton & Hove		10.2
Eastbourne Downs		7.6
Hastings		11.1
Lewes		5.5
Rother		7.5
Wealdon		2.7

Source: CCIS data, Connexions partnerships, April 2007