

# Total Place *Update*

## Welcome to the latest update for the Total Place Project

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### Project Background

For background information and a general overview of the Total Place project in Essex please visit the [Total Place webpage](#) on the Essex Partnership Portal.

### Current Stage

[View the final report](#) from the total place TS1 project which undertook 'deep dives' into NEETs in Tending and Safeguarding Children in West Essex.

Overall the project has been a success and provides some useful insights into how a 'whole system' approach to dealing with complex problems can be used to help us 'do more with less'.

The Safeguarding project has led to a complete redesign of the pre-proceedings process and many recommendations for ourselves and partners that will help define everyone's responsibilities more clearly. Considerations being taken forward cover such issues as training, commissioning, management controls, workflow, quality assurance and partnership working.

The NEETs workstream has been particularly complex and challenging, and extensive analysis has shown that there are too many agencies and services targeting the same client group, not making best use of the resources deployed. Recommendations include earlier intervention, improved commissioning and collaboration on the curriculum offer across all Tending secondary schools, better employer engagement, improving alternative education provision, targeting support for vulnerable groups, improved data sharing to identify young people at risk of NEET at an earlier stage, improving school attainment and improved communications, advice and guidance. A number of actions are being implemented already and recommendations are being discussed with partners to ensure buy-in to the design and implementation of longer-term solutions.

For both projects a key next step is the roll-out of findings to other parts of Essex as soon as possible to spread the benefits.

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