

Destination Tracking and on-going careers support after leaving school.

It is a requirement for educational settings to track the intended destinations of leavers for up to 3 years after the student has left the school setting.

Tracking the intended destination of students will identify those in year 11 that do not have a clear idea about what they intend to do post-16. This information can be used to plan IAG delivery, including targeting those that need it extra support.

As well as identifying those without intended destinations, it is also a chance for the school to ensure that the offers students do have are appropriate and realistic for those students. Schools are required to share year 11 intended destinations with the local authority in support of their own statutory duty to deliver careers guidance as well as to support 'Raising the Participation Age' (RPA) and the September Guarantee.

Why raise the participation age?

The changes to the participation age will give every young person the best chance to achieve and succeed because:

- continuing in learning for longer brings benefits for individuals, the economy and society (young people who stay on after 16 years old are more likely to gain higher levels of qualification, increasing their earning potential)
- the world of work is changing. Young people without higher level skills and qualifications are going to find it much harder to find and keep employment in the future
- this will improve the life chances of all young people irrespective of their ability level.

Does this mean continuing in full-time education?

No, it's not just about staying on at school or college. A wide range of learning opportunities will be available. Your young person will either: continue in full-time education, such as school 6th form, sixth form college or FE College follow a full-time work-based learning route (e.g. Apprenticeship) undertake part-time education or training for about one day a week (280 hours of learning per year) if:

- they are employed
- self-employed
- volunteering full-time (which is defined as 20 hours or more a week).