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NCOP AND ENGAGING WITH 'THE OTHERS' (LOST 2008)

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OfS say...

*“NCOP partnerships are **expected** to build upon the models of strategic collaborative activity which have begun to develop within phase one of the programme.*

*The level of **strategic engagement** partnerships have had with local partners and initiatives is varied.*

*A **greater focus on this activity will be expected in phase two** and the infrastructure of the **outreach hubs** is intended to support this.*

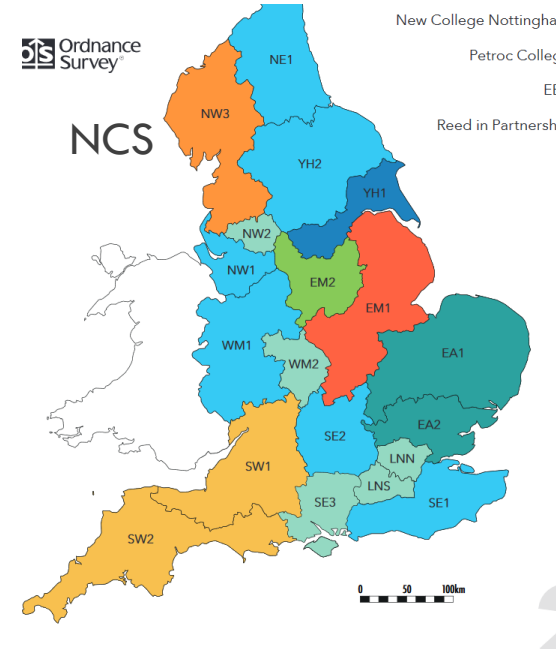
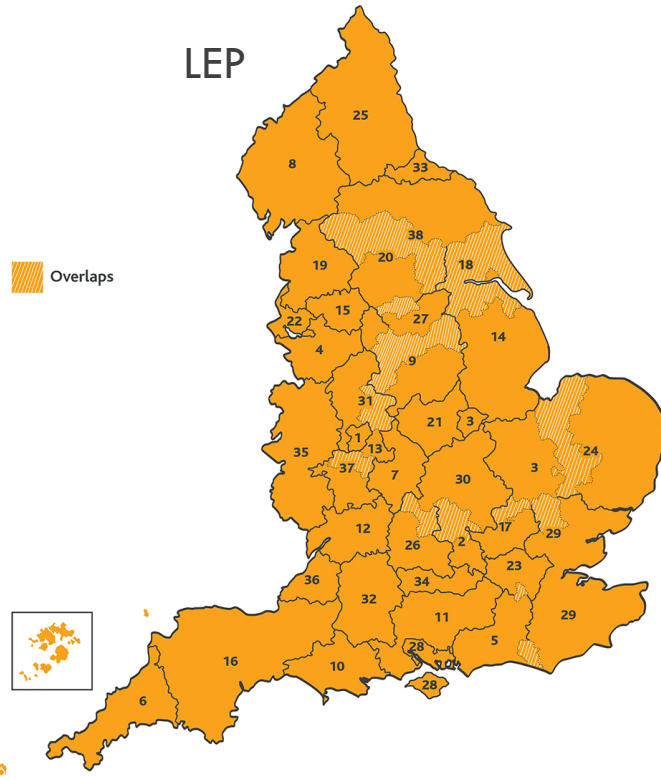
Partnerships will need to ensure that they understand the landscape of educational disadvantage, careers advice provision and higher level skills needs in their area.

This will require engagement with the following partners....

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- *LEP*
- *Local Authorities*
- *CEC*
- *NCS*
- *Job Centre Plus*
- *Opportunity Areas (where relevant)*
- *Opportunity North East (where relevant) (taking a punt on the North East)*
- *Employers*
- *SLC”*

Challenges – geographical coverage



How to overcome

- Are there already working groups for those institutions that we can access?
- Working with HEON, set up partnership to get players round table. Local authorities are aware of partners that work in their area, get them to set up networks - they are keen.
- Amalgamation of maps?
- Engaging with hub managers – who have you been working with through NCOP

Challenges – Matching Targeting

- NCOP – Q1, Able, NCOP Ward, Y9+
- Outreach Hubs – Q1 /2, Other WP indicators, Y7+
- NCS – “Any and all backgrounds”, 15 – 17 year olds
- CEC – Any age, any school, but 21 ‘hubs’ in Q1 /2 areas with more funding

How to overcome

- Bringing WG of various orgs together to list what they're doing who they're working with – talking to various groups will eliminate gaps and duplication
- What should be done once those convos are had?
- Developed relationship (practical point)– taking some target yr. 10 NCOP students on day visits to residential that aren't that far away
- Practical points - Learning from NCS, share intelligence as well as delivery, NCS alumni, data sharing , match funding and enterprise coordinator
- Links about NCS and CEC toolkit on website

Challenge

- No WP team/ small WP teams at HEI's – activity unavailable to leverage the outreach hubs, how to respond? The partners we should be able to rely on, do they exist?
- Difficult to 'sell hubs'- we will evaluate this activity offer, for AP Plan
- Collaborative target working group even if things are reduced – commitment from local universities
- What is the offer that the outreach hubs will be able to communicate to schools with limited time?
- What evidence suggests targeted and sustained provision works, spreading too far and wide and not making an impact
- Approach employers instead of universities

Ideas of Good Practice

- Fast Trackers

Conclusions

- The Outreach Hubs must find match funding
- LEPs, CEC, NCS and Employers may be the best quick win
- Linking those partners with AP Plan teams must be a long term plan for the Outreach Hub to succeed
- There are challenges here, big challenges but
- We have ideas and each other to overcome these challenges

Thank you.
Any questions?

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