

Poster 3: Closing the gap The Scale of the Task

Measure		Position in 2007			Best performing region		Scale of the task – to close the gap	
		W Midlands	England	Rank	Achievement	Region	With England average	With best performing region
1. Proportion of staff trained over past 12 months		64%	63%	4th	68%	NE	n/a	7,100
2. Proportion of staff with skill gaps		5%	6%	2nd	5%	Y&H	n/a	600
3. Density of skill shortage vacancies		16%	21%	1st	16%	WM	n/a	n/a
4. Private sector employees educated to NVQ Level 4+		24%	28%	6th	42%	Lon	67,200	333,400
5. Proportion of pupils achieving 5+ GCSE A*-C grades (inc Maths & English)		43%	45%	7th	49%	SE	1,800	4,000
6. Proportion of working age population with NVQ4+		28%	31%	6th	39%	Lon	77,300	333,500
7. Proportion of working age population with NVQ3+		46%	50%	8th	54%	Lon	106,500	234,600
8. Proportion of working age population with NVQ2+		67%	70%	8th	74%	SW	96,000	206,200
9. Proportion of working age population with no qualifications		15%	12%	9th	8%	SW	100,800	202,100
10. Proportion of graduates finding employment in their region of study after graduation		65%	65%	4th	75%	NW	100	1,600
11. Proportion of employees who participated in job related training in the last 4 weeks		10%	11%	5th	13%	NE	7,700	84,500
12. Proportion of 16-17 year olds in education or Work Based Learning		81%	81%	4th	84%	Lon	400	4,800

● = Worse than national average ● = Same as national average (-/+ 1%) ● = Better than the national average