

North East Derbyshire District Council

Cabinet

30 September 2015

Ambition SCR Update

Report No GBXR/14/15-16/JW of Councillor G Baxter MBE, Leader of the Council

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- To provide an update for Cabinet on the Ambition SCR Programme.
- To request that Cabinet note the progress made to date.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 Ambition SCR is a 2 year pilot employment support programme for 18 – 24 year old Job Seekers Allowance claimants who are 3 months or over unemployed which started local delivery in January 2015. All referrals are via the Department of Work and Pensions. This pilot programme is funded via monies obtained through the Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership from the Youth Contract Underspend. NEDDC are accountable body for Derbyshire local authorities and are delivering the programme on behalf of Bassetlaw District Council, Bolsover District Council, Chesterfield Borough Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council.
- 1.2 The programme is being delivered via intensive 1-1 support, individually tailored employability and skills training, work placement, in work support and support with progression. There is a team of a Team Leader, 4 x Key Workers, a Financial and Debt Adviser and a Health Support Adviser. Additional housing support has also been enabled through a successful DCLG Help for Single Homeless bid. A Project Coordinator and a Housing Support Worker will cover North East Derbyshire, Chesterfield, Bolsover and Derbyshire Dales and will coordinate a pathways approach to housing for young people. Housing units will be identified for young people, including shared accommodation and links into the existing Private Rented Access Scheme. The team provides a holistic service for residents in supporting them into employment.
- 1.3 Details of the funding available and expected outputs that have been allocated on completion of the 2 year programme can be seen in **Appendix 1**.
- 1.4 A communications protocol has been developed to ensure that any promotional materials, publicity and press releases are co-ordinated by NEDDC and involves partners.

- 1.5 Regular meetings are taking place with individual authorities to provide an update and ensure that any local issues are dealt with quickly. Partners have said that they are finding these meetings useful and informative and they are pleased with the progress being made.
- 1.6 An Ambition Partnership Group is being formed and the first meeting is taking place in October 2015. This is being formed with member and officer representation from each of the five local authority areas and this Group will meet bi-annually. The purpose of this group will be to provide feedback and advice on project progress.
- 1.7 Regular meetings are taking place with Sheffield City Council who are the accountable body for the SCR. They have noted that good progress is being made.
- 1.8 Hardwick CCG have offered to facilitate funded mental health awareness training for the team and this is being developed.
- 1.9 Back to Work bonuses are being paid to young people to a total of £500 (3 staggered payments) when they have sustained employment for 26 weeks. Young people will be expected to open credit union accounts where these payments will be made to. NEDDC now have a corporate account with both Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Credit Union and Two Shires Credit Union where payments to young people will be transferred from.
- 1.10 Good progress is being made and this can be seen in **Appendix 2**.
- 1.11 An interim evaluation is to take place in October 2015.
- 1.12 A further update will be provided to Cabinet in January 2016

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 That Cabinet note the progress being made to date by the Ambition Programme

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 These were identified in the Cabinet report September 2014.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Not applicable

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

- 5.1.1 These were identified in the Cabinet report September 2014 and are reviewed monthly.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

5.2.1 These were identified in the Cabinet report September 2014

5.3 Human Resources Implications

5.3.1 Not applicable

6 Recommendations

6.1 That Cabinet note the progress to date.

7 Decision Information

Is the decision a Key Decision? (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
District Wards Affected	All
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	Unlocking growth potential

8 Document Information

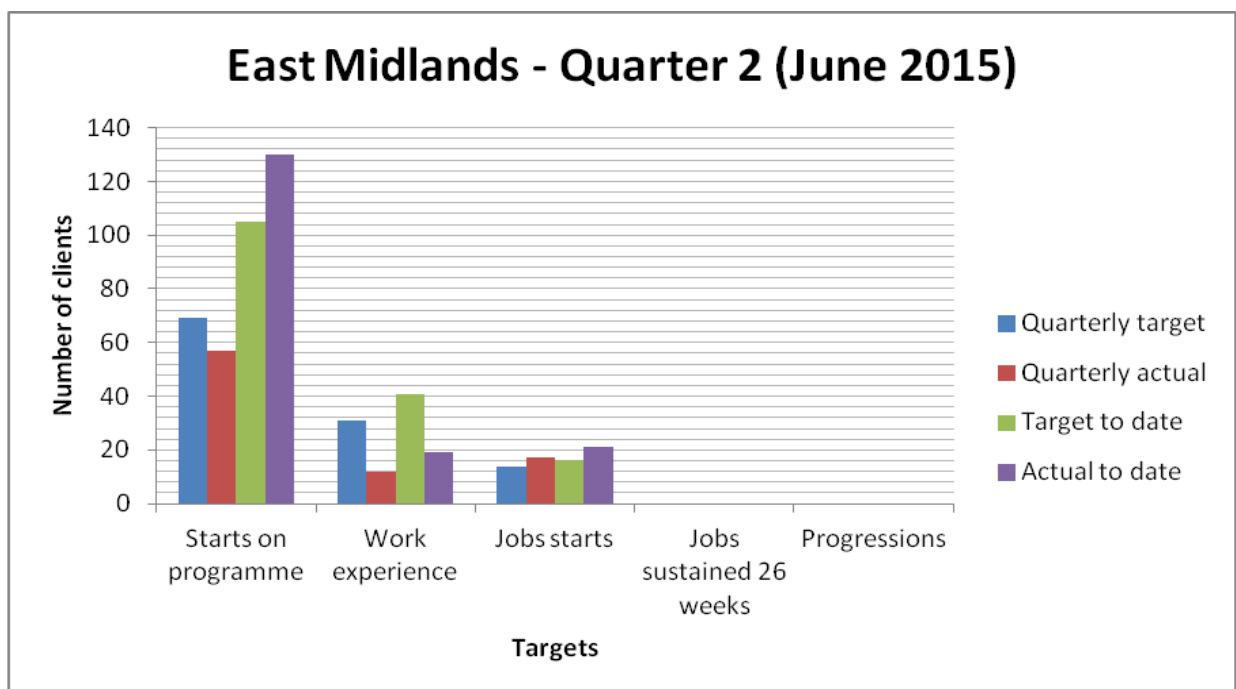
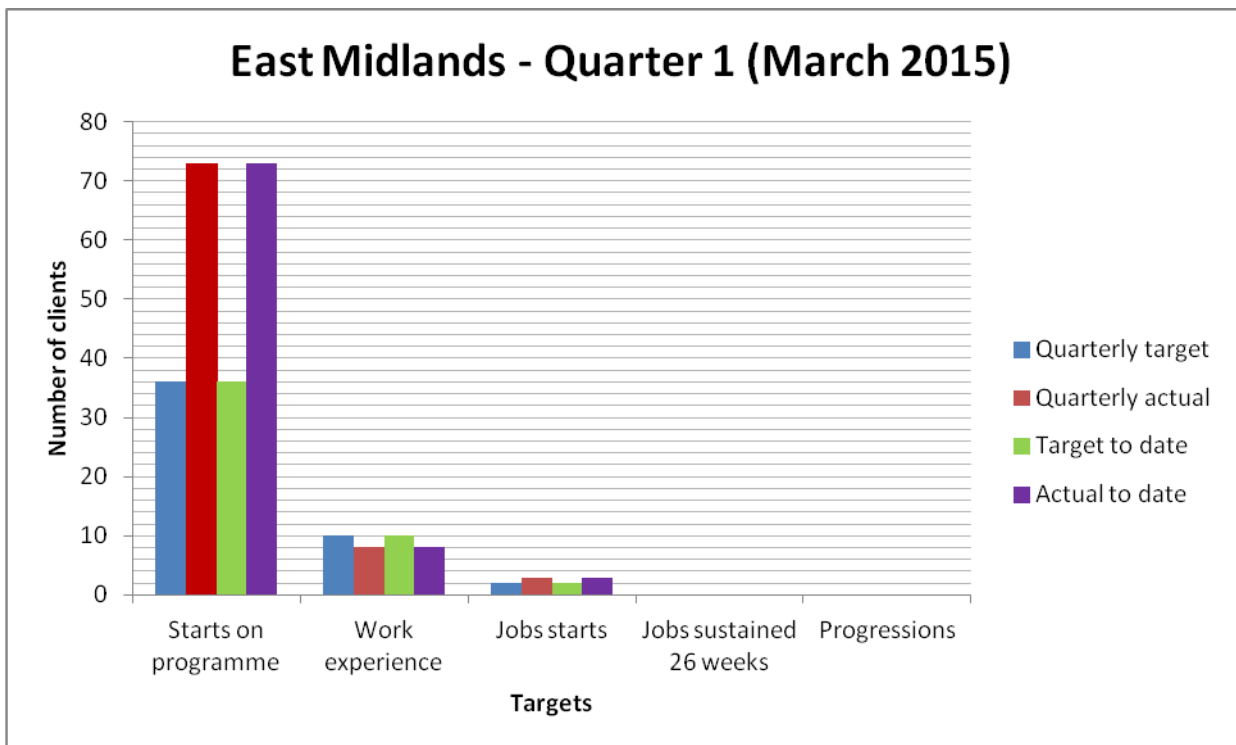
Appendix No	Title
1 2	Key Performance Indicators and outputs Progress charts
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
Cabinet report, 19/3/14 Delegated decision, dd/041/14/JW Cabinet report, Sept 2014	
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Key Performance Indicators and Outputs (on completion of 2 year programme)

Appendix 1

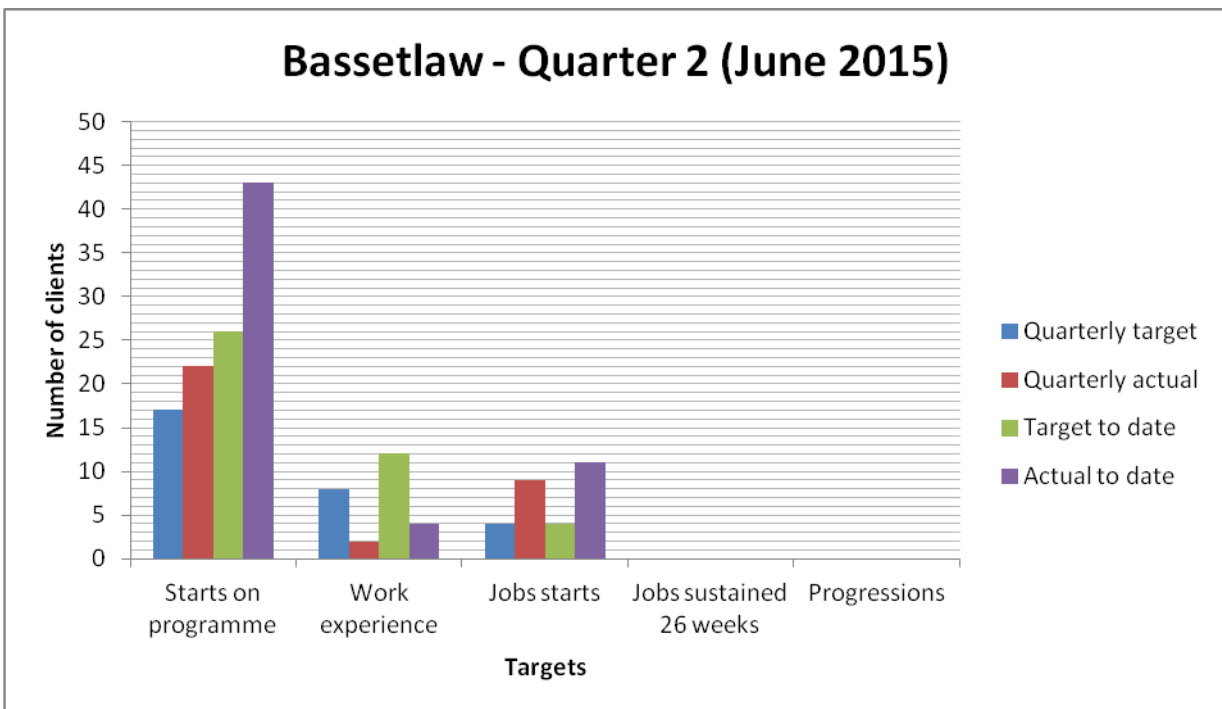
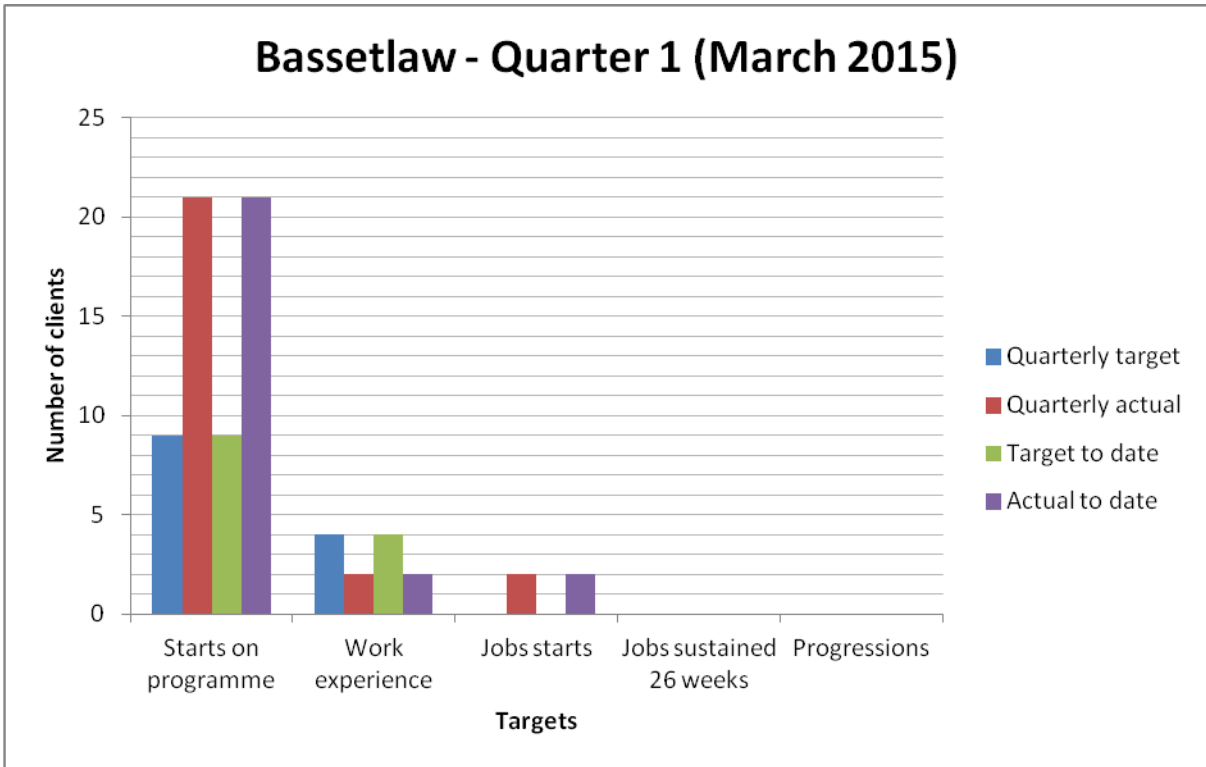
ALL	% of LEP 18-24 JSA's (as at June 2014)	LA Contract value	Back to Work Bonus (retained by SCC)	Number Assessed	Starts on Programme	Work experience	Job starts (min 16 hours per week)	Minimum Number of sustained in the workplace (26 weeks)	Minimum Number of progressions (26 weeks) (inc training, qualification, increased hours/salary etc)
Bassetlaw	4.6%	£ 193,560.39	£ 22,911.05	111	74	37	30	24	16
Bolsover	3.2%	£ 136,630.86	£ 16,172.51	78	52	26	21	17	12
Chesterfield	5.7%	£ 241,381.19	£ 28,571.43	138	93	46	37	30	20
Derbyshire Dales	0.6%	£ 27,326.17	£ 3,234.50	16	10	5	4	3	2
Doncaster	20.1%	£ 847,111.34	£ 100,269.54	484	325	162	130	104	71
North East Derbyshire	3.1%	£ 129,799.32	£ 15,363.88	74	50	25	20	16	11
Rotherham	16%	£ 676,322.76	£ 80,053.91	387	259	130	104	83	57
Sheffield	34.8%	£ 676,322.76	£ 173,854.45	839	563	282	225	180	124

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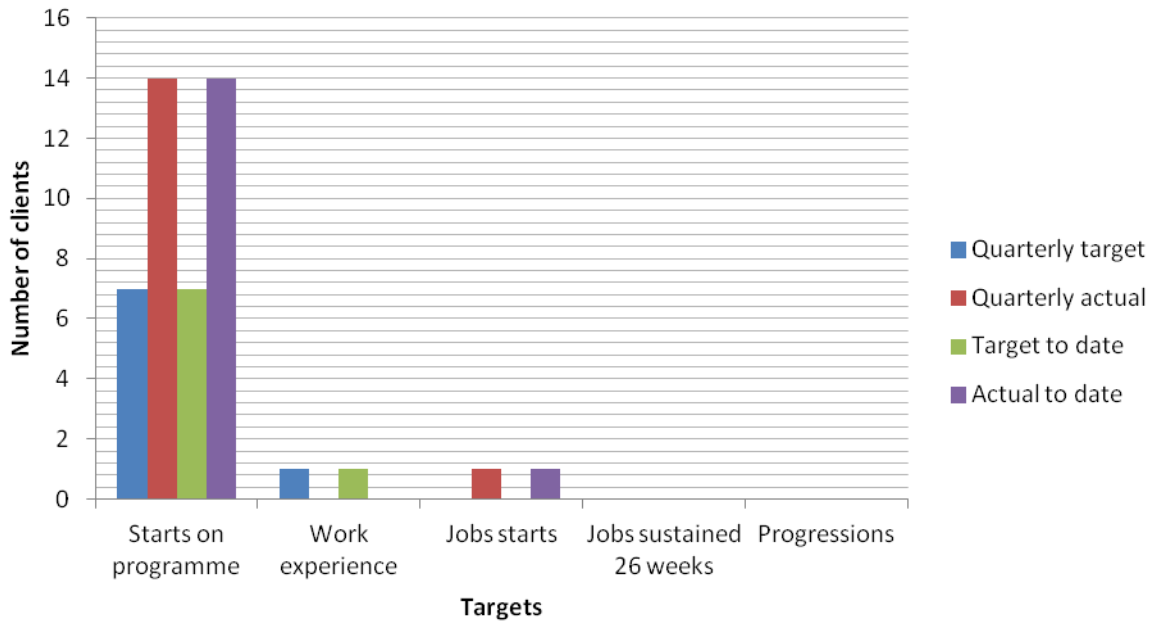
Note: in March/April 2015, there were re-structures that were taking in the job centres which resulted in changes in job centre staff, some of which were not aware of Ambition and resulted in a reduced number of referrals being made. The Ambition Team then increased promotion of Ambition again with job centre

staff. Clients who were on the project during this quarter were work ready and not in need of work experience placements.

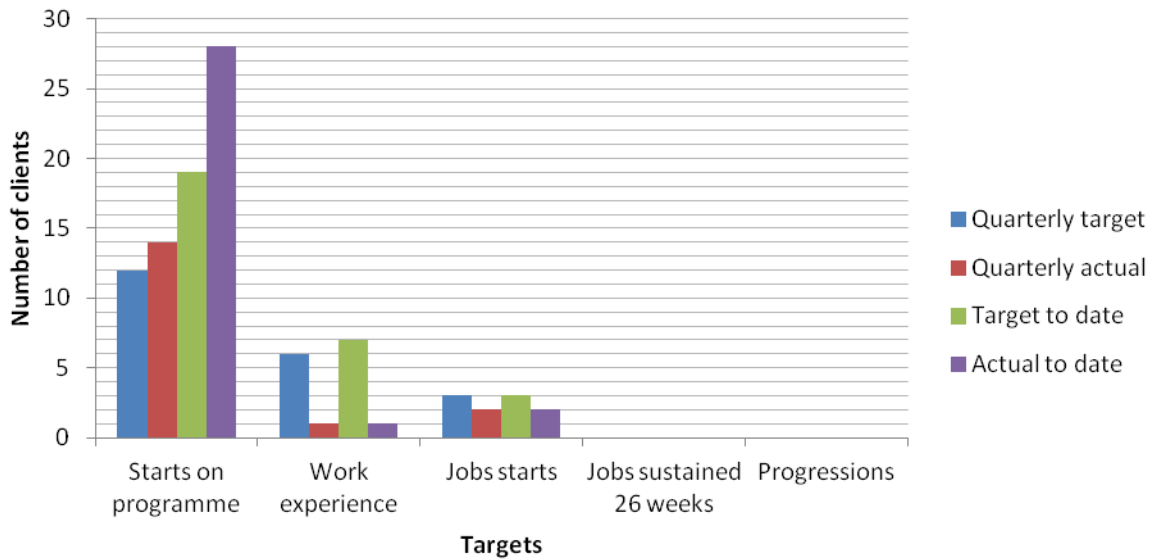


Note: in quarter one there were '0' targets for Bassetlaw for Job Starts.

Bolsover - Quarter 1 (March 2015)

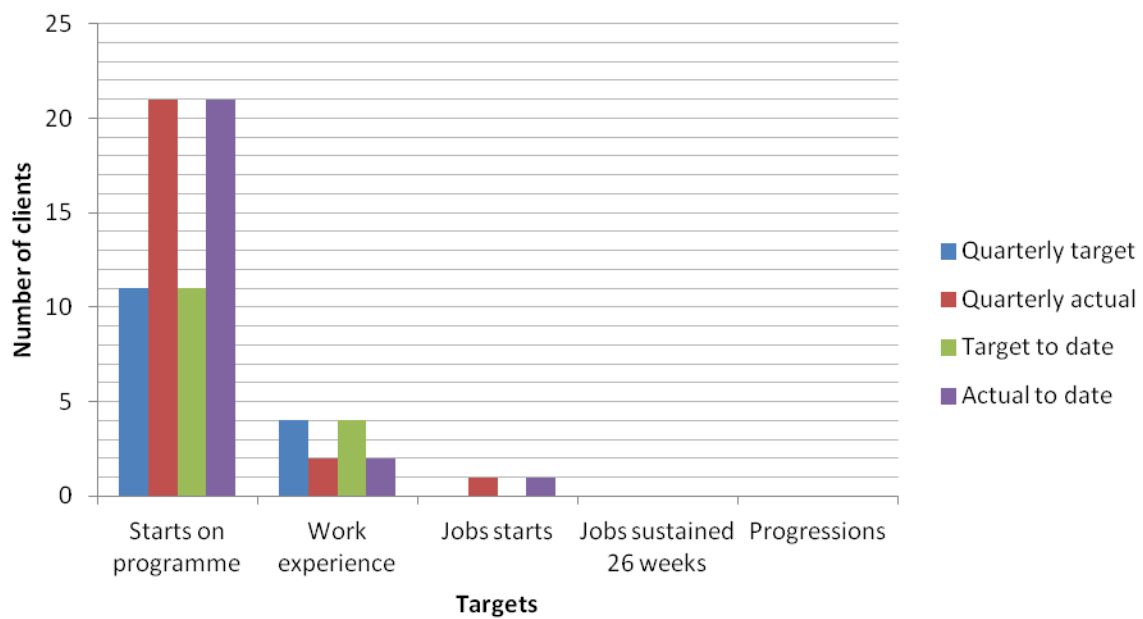


Bolsover - Quarter 2 (June 2015)

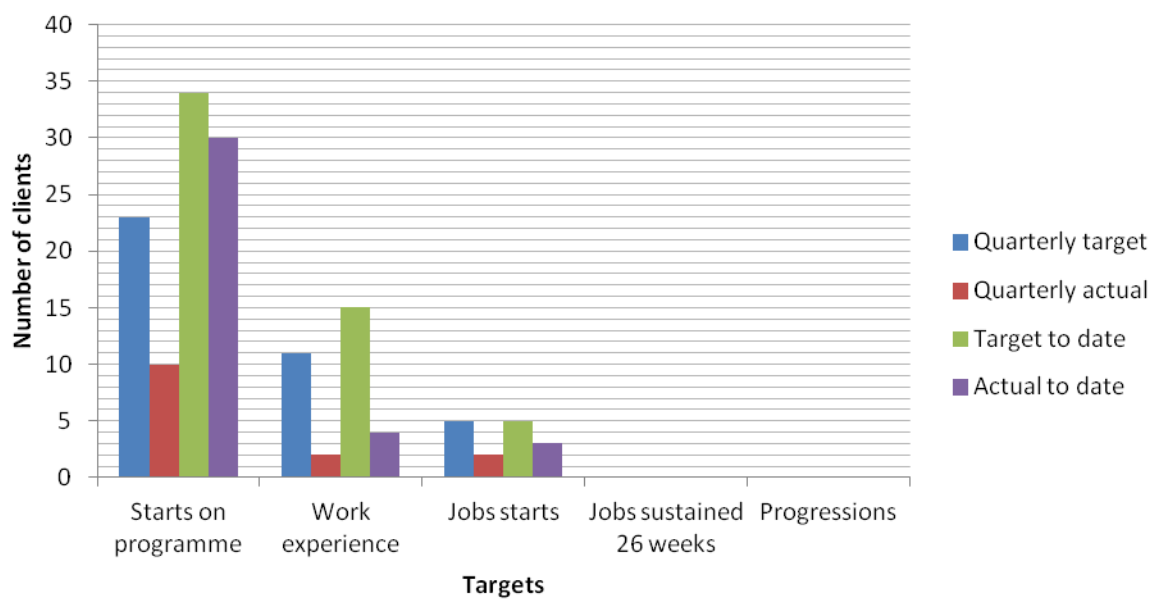


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Chesterfield - Quarter 1 (March 2015)



Chesterfield - Quarter 2 (June 2015)

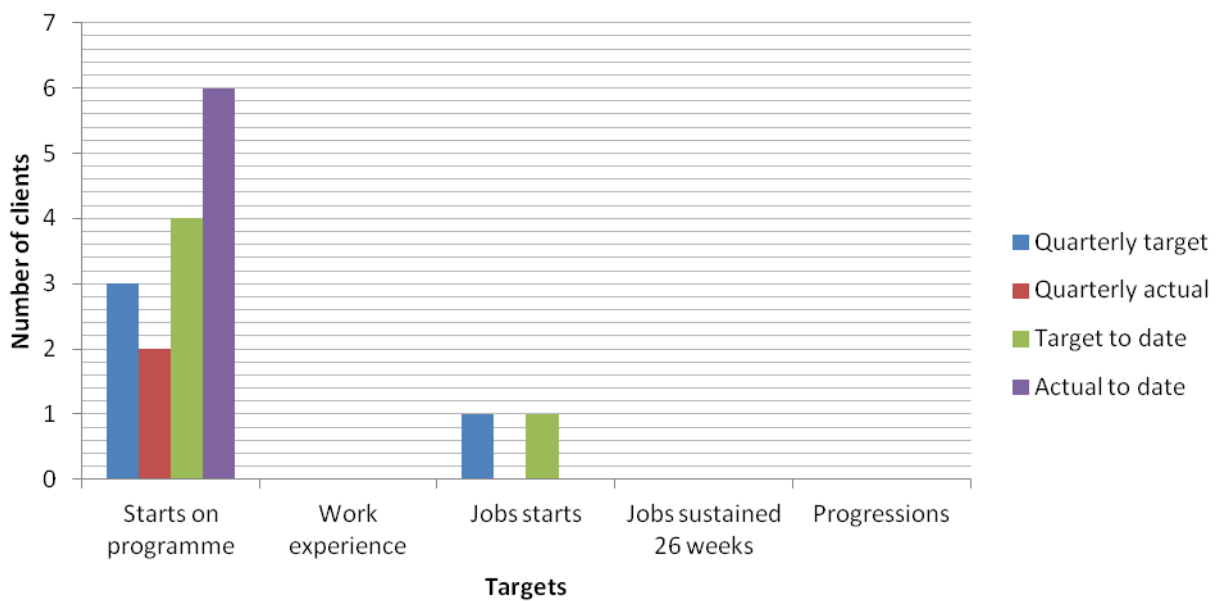


Note: in quarter one there were '0' targets for Chesterfield for Job Starts.

Derbyshire Dales - Quarter 1 (March 2015)

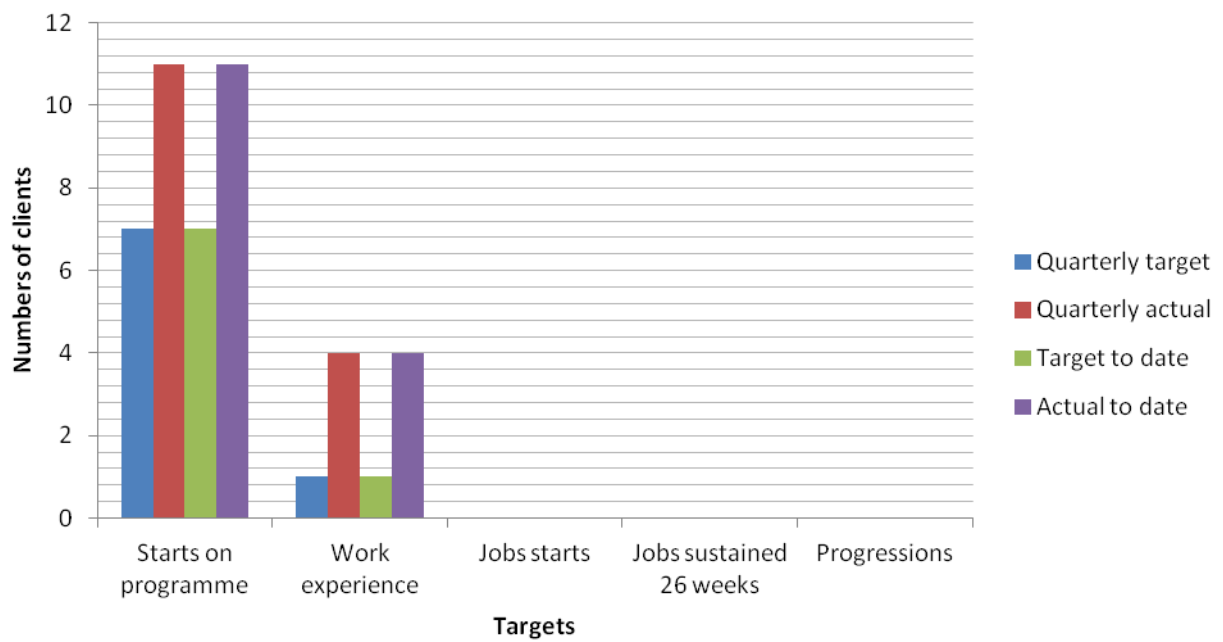


Derbyshire Dales - Quarter 2 (June 2015)



Note: Results of an interview were pending at the time of writing this report.

North East Derbyshire - Quarter 1 (March 2015)



North East Derbyshire - Quarter 2 (June 2015)

