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Press Statement on Department for Education's launch of 'Scorecards' to count number of NEETS.

In response to the announcement today by the Department of Education, that councils will be responsible for monitoring the number of young people who fail to move into education, employment or training, Jenny North, Director of Policy, Impetus-PEF, comments, "Counting how a big a problem is does not go far enough to help nearly 1 million 16-24 year olds not in education, employment or training – a figure which has remained stagnant since before the recession. Current NEET levels are unacceptable and the Government needs to be doing more to prevent young people from becoming NEET."

"Not only should every council be responsible for monitoring the number of young people who are NEET, a move previously advocated by Impetus-PEF, every council should have a set of targets and an implementation plan as to how it's actively going to reduce the NEET population locally. Councils should be provided with more help in the form of extra funding and expert input and involve schools, colleges and employers to help young people achieve in education and secure employment."

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