

CONNEXIONS LOCAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION




January 2008



INTRODUCTION

Positive Steps Oldham produces management information reports on the full range of services it provides. Some information e.g. the Youth Offending Service, Healthy Schools and OASIS@Connexions is produced quarterly. Key data covering Connexions outcomes is produced each month. This report outlines progress against a range of Connexions performance indicators: 16-18 Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET); 16-18 'unknowns'; 16-19 in Education, Employment & Training; Various analyses based on ward level data; and outcomes for targeted vulnerable groups. **This month's report includes monthly and annual comparisons for ward level NEET data in Oldham. Also included is comparative analysis across Greater Manchester and with statistical neighbours for the month of December.**

PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS – 16-18 NEET

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Local Area Agreement Targets

November 2005 – January 2006 (Average) (baseline)	7.0%
November 2006 – January 2007 (Average)	6.9%
November 2007 – January 2008 (Average)	6.6%
November 2008 – January 2009 (Average) (stretch)	5.8%

NEET Group	Jan 07	Feb 07	Mar 07	Apr 07	May 07	Jun 07	Jul 07	Aug 07	Sep 07	Oct 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08
NEET TOTAL NUMBERS 16-18	757	774	729	705	674	593	607	602	820	688	642	652	597
TARGET - NEET AS % OF 16-18 COHORT	6.9%	7.0%	7.2%	7.8%	7.8%	7.8%	8.8%	7.9%	8.9%	8.0%	6.6%	6.5%	6.7%
ACTUAL NEET %	9.3%	9.7%	9.5%	8.7%	8.2%	8.1%	8.6%	8.9%	8.0%	7.8%	7.6%	8.0%	7.9%
NEET % 12 MONTHS AGO	7.3%	7.8%	7.6%	9.1%*	9.1%	9.5%	9.5%	10.1%	8.4%	8.5%	8.6%	8.4%	9.3%
% INCREASE / DECREASE IN NEET OVER LAST 12 MONTHS	+27.4%	+24.4%	+25.0%	-4.4%	-9.9%	-14.7%	-9.5%	-11.9%	-4.8%	-8.5%	-11.6%	-4.8%	-15.1%

Commentary

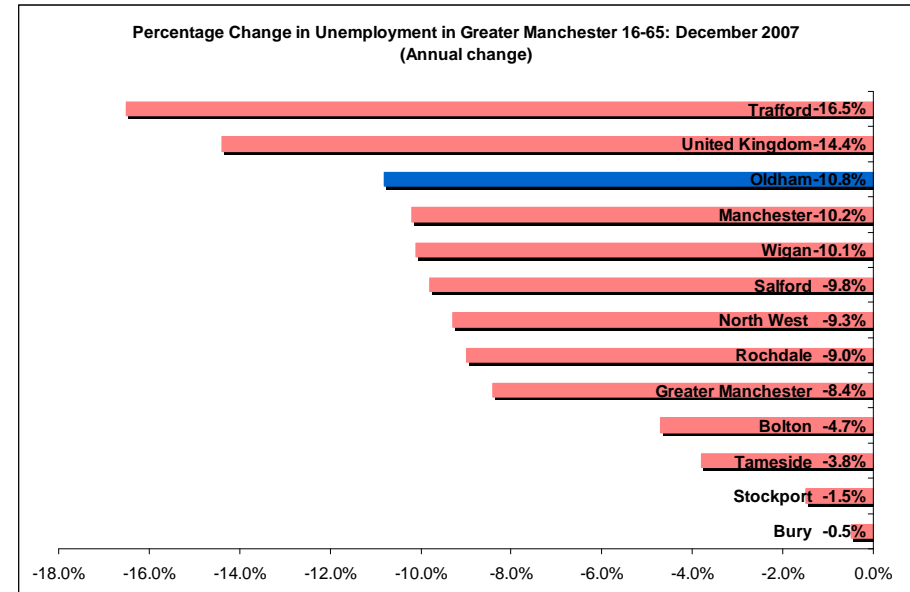
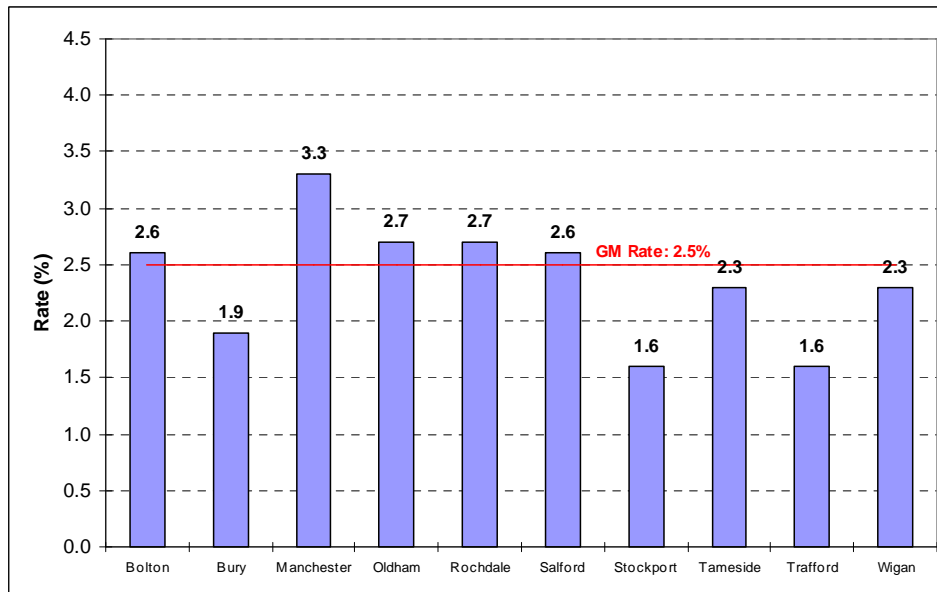
From October 2007 it was agreed that NEET rates would be reported in to ways

1. Based on the “Greater Manchester (GM) measure” as opposed to the national measure. Put simply, this measure is based solely on “residency”, i.e. the number of young people who are NEET in a local authority area as a percentage of the 16-18 year olds resident in that area; and
2. Based on the National counting methodology. The data for the latest month is based on the “residency” model and then updated the following month once the national measure data is available. It is the national measure on which the Local Area Agreement target is based.

It is worth noting that the national measure for NEET is based on a total cohort which is made up the following groups:

- Residents who are in employment or training;
- Residents who are NEET;
- Residents in full-time education within the Borough; and
- Non-residents in full-time education within the Borough.

Overall unemployment (16-65) has seen a significant improvement across the country, region and sub-region in the last 12 months. However, although Oldham has seen the second largest reduction in GM, its overall rate for December is second highest in GM.



Source (both graphs): Unemployment Bulletin December 2007 – Manchester Enterprises

- Manchester (3.3%), Oldham and Rochdale (both 2.7%) had the highest levels of unemployment.
- Lowest levels of unemployment experienced by Stockport and Trafford (both 1.6%).
- Unemployment level in Greater Manchester (2.5%) same as the North West (2.5%) but higher than the UK (2.1%).
- Month-on-month increase in volume in 7 GM districts, of which Bury (3.4%) experienced the largest increase. Tameside (-1.5%) experienced the largest decrease. The monthly increase in GM (0.5%) was less than both the NW (1.8%) and the UK (0.6%).
- All 10 districts experienced an annual decrease in unemployment. Trafford (-16.5%) had the greatest decrease. Bury (-0.5%) experienced the smallest decrease. GM (-8.4%) decreased less than the NW (-9.3%) and the UK (-14.4%).




PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS – 16-19 EET

Total 16-19 Year olds in EET	Jan 07	Feb 07	Mar 07	Apr 07	May 07	Jun 07	Jul 07	Aug 07	Sep 07	Oct 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08
TOTAL EET	10402	10205	9792	9245	9346	8928	8553	8340	9161	9694	9269	9197	8929
TOTAL COHORT	12661	12429	12259	11476	11781	11006	10692	10374	12517	12204	11918	11571	11247
Target %	83.0%	83.0%	83.0%	79.6%	79.6%	79.6%	79.6%	83.0%	83.0%	83.0%	83.0%	83.0%	83.0%
Achieved %	82.2%	82.1%	79.9%	80.6%	79.3%	81.1%	80.0%	80.4%	73.2%	79.4%	77.8%	79.5%	79.4%

Commentary – The 16-19 EET percentage is appears to be stabilising at around 80%. Work is underway to reduce the percentage of 19 year olds who are unknown. It is expected that the EET rate will increase over the coming months as more are found to be EET.

PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS – 16-18 NOT KNOWN




“Not known” relates to those who are genuine “unknowns” and those who are “lapsed” for 16-18 year olds only.

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Lost Contact	Jan 07	Feb 07	Mar 07	Apr 07	May 07	Jun 07	Jul 07	Aug 07	Sep 07	Oct 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08
UNKNOWNNS AND LAPSED	335	277	359	320	371	324	330	294	1142	357	416	328	357
TARGET UNKNOWNNS AS % OF COHORT	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0
ACTUAL UNKNOWNNS AS % OF COHORT	3.7%	3.1%	4.2%	4.2%	4.5%	4.2%	4.4%	4.1%	12.4%	4.0%	4.8%	3.9%	4.4%
UNKNOWN % 12 MONTHS AGO	3.6%	3.3%	2.9%	No	4.7%	5.0%	2.7%	4.8%	3.2%	2.5%	1.9%	4.6%	3.6%

Commentary – The unknown figure is below the 5% target.




YOUNG PEOPLE WITH LEARNING & OTHER DISABILITIES 16-19 IN EET

GREEN  = On target or above
 AMBER  = Within 10% of target.
 RED  = Below 10% of target and not improving.

LDD	Jan 07	Feb 07	Mar 07	Apr 07	May 07	Jun 07	Jul 07	Aug 07	Sep 07	Oct 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08
LDD 16-19 EET	331	321	304	300	278	253	236	231	266	263	270	256	257
TOTAL LDD CLIENTS	436	424	411	387	366	333	323	316	362	360	349	338	334
TARGET % IN EET	81.7%	81.7%	81.7%	76.5%	76.5%	76.5%	76.5%	81.7%	81.7%	81.7%	81.7%	81.7%	81.7%
ACTUAL % IN EET	75.9%	75.7%	74.0%	77.5%	76.0%	76.0%	73.1%	73.1%	73.5%	73.1%	77.4%	75.7%	76.9%
% 12 MONTHS AGO	80.0%	80.2%	79.5%	No data	79.8%	84.2%	77.5%	75.4%	85.6%	75.6%	76.4%	78.6%	75.9%

Commentary – The 16-19 EET percentage is appears to be stabilising at around 76%. Work is underway to reduce the percentage of 19 year olds who are unknown. It is expected that the LDD EET rate will increase over the coming months as more are found to be EET




CARE LEAVERS AT 19

GREEN  = 60% or above of care leavers are EET
 AMBER  = Within 10% of target.
 RED  = Below 10% of target.

CARE LEAVERS	Jan 07	Feb 07	Mar 07	Apr 07	May 07	Jun 07	Jul 07	Aug 07	Sep 07	Oct 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08
19 YR OLD CARE LEAVERS EET	17	18	19	16	17	16	16	19	17	14	11	11	13
ALL 19 YR OLD CARE LEAVERS	33	35	37	34	37	29	28	30	27	20	19	20	17
TARGET % IN EET	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%
ACTUAL % IN EET	51.5%	51.4%	51.4%	47.1%	45.9%	55.2%	57.1%	63.3%	63.0%	70.0%	57.9%	55.0%	76.5%
% 12 MONTHS AGO	57.1%	56.5%	48.4%	No data	47.1%	56.0%	54.3%	44.8%	54.8%	48.1%	51.7%	46.9%	51.5%

Commentary – Percentage has increased but very small numbers are involved and have a significant impact on the percentage.

TEENAGE PARENTS 16-19

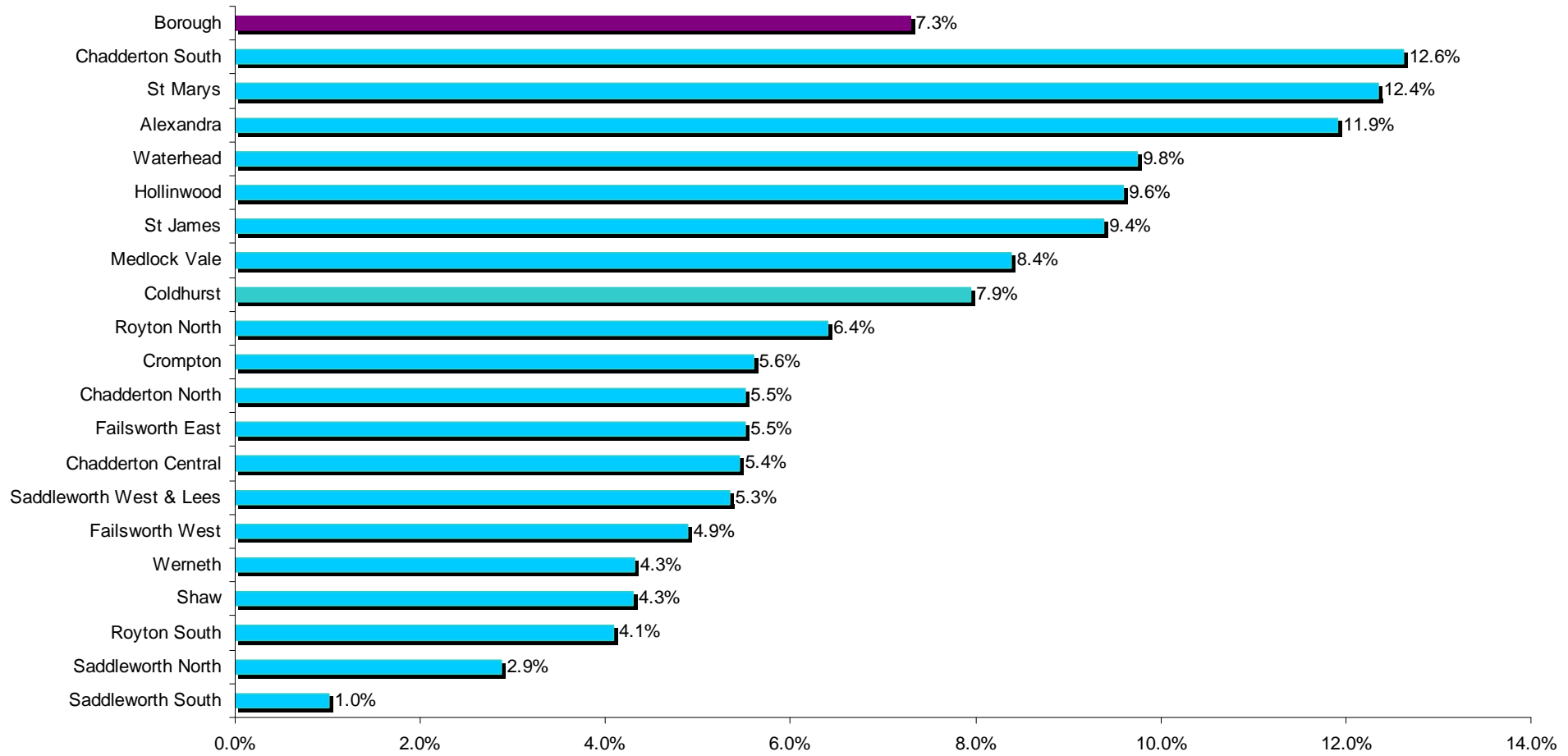
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The cross government target in this area is for 60% of 16-19 year old mothers to be in education, employment or training by 2010. The Department of health estimated in December 2002 that this figure stood at 27% nationally. Work continues to correctly identify teenage mothers - it is estimated that there are in the region of **250+** teenage mothers' borough wide. **Our local target is now 40.0% for 2007-08.**

TEENAGE MOTHERS 16-19 EET	Jan 07	Feb 07	Mar 07	Apr 07	May 07	Jun 07	Jul 07	Aug 07	Sep 07	Oct 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08
TEENAGE MOTHERS 16-19 EET	91	83	82	82	73	67	64	65	81	81	87	80	84
TOTAL TEENAGE MOTHERS	250	252	241	236	227	212	213	207	202	203	198	190	236
TARGET % IN EET	37%	37%	37%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%
ACTUAL % IN EET	36.4%	32.9%	34.0%	34.7%	32.2%	31.6%	30.0%	31.7%	40.1%	39.9%	43.9%	42.1%	35.6%
% 12 MONTHS AGO	32.7%	39.4%	35.3%	No data	32.8%	38.3%	29.3%	30.4%	46.7%	42.2%	37.2%	39.7%	36.4%

Commentary – Variations in numbers and volumes will produce quite large percentage swings. As expected the percentage rose in September as teenage parents enrol at colleges, however unlike last year it seems to be being maintained. We have seen a sudden increase in the cohort of teenage parents as tracking has continued with this group.

NEET % by Ward - January 2008



Source: Connexions Local Management Information

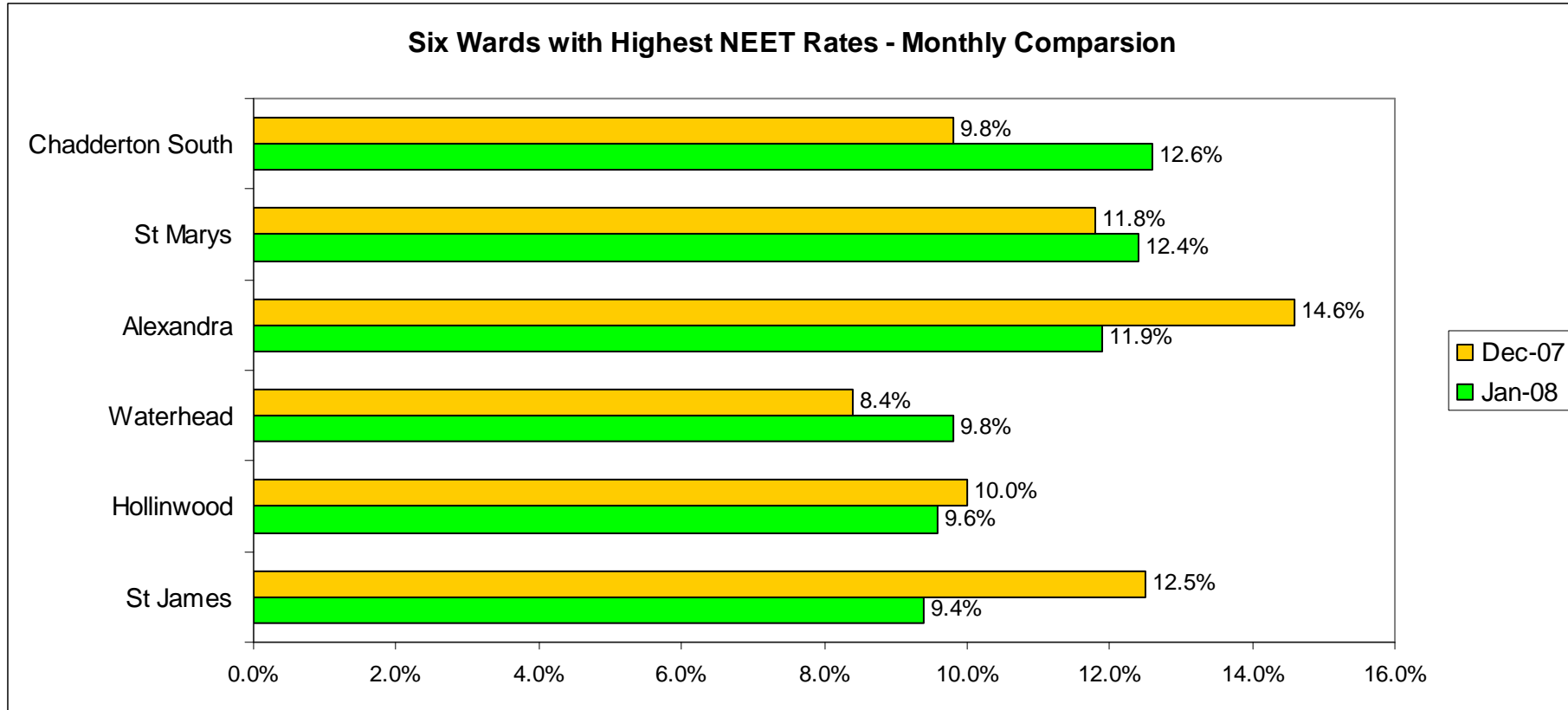
Commentary –The rate for Chadderton South has suddenly and dramatically increased. See graph on Page 10 “Changes Since Last Month”.

Numbers by Ward

Ward	NEET %	EET	NEET Available	NEET Not Available	Unknown	Total
Alexandra	11.9%	370	37	13	14	434
Chadderton Central	5.4%	330	18	1	9	358
Chadderton North	5.5%	360	18	3	2	383
Chadderton South	12.6%	339	40	9	4	392
Coldhurst	7.9%	533	36	10	5	584
Crompton	5.6%	371	18	4	3	396
Failsworth East	5.5%	326	15	4	4	349
Failsworth West	4.9%	292	11	4	2	309
Hollinwood	9.6%	405	33	10	13	461
Medlock Vale	8.4%	415	27	11	8	461
Royton North	6.4%	336	18	5	4	363
Royton South	4.1%	328	14	0	0	342
Saddleworth North	2.9%	270	8	0	3	281
Saddleworth South	1.0%	295	3	0	4	302
Saddleworth West & Lees	5.3%	301	15	2	7	325
Shaw	4.3%	356	16	0	6	378
St James	9.4%	396	28	13	12	449
St Marys	12.4%	539	62	14	8	623
Waterhead	9.8%	398	36	7	6	447
Werneth	4.3%	443	17	3	11	474
Borough	7.3%	7403	470	113	125	8111

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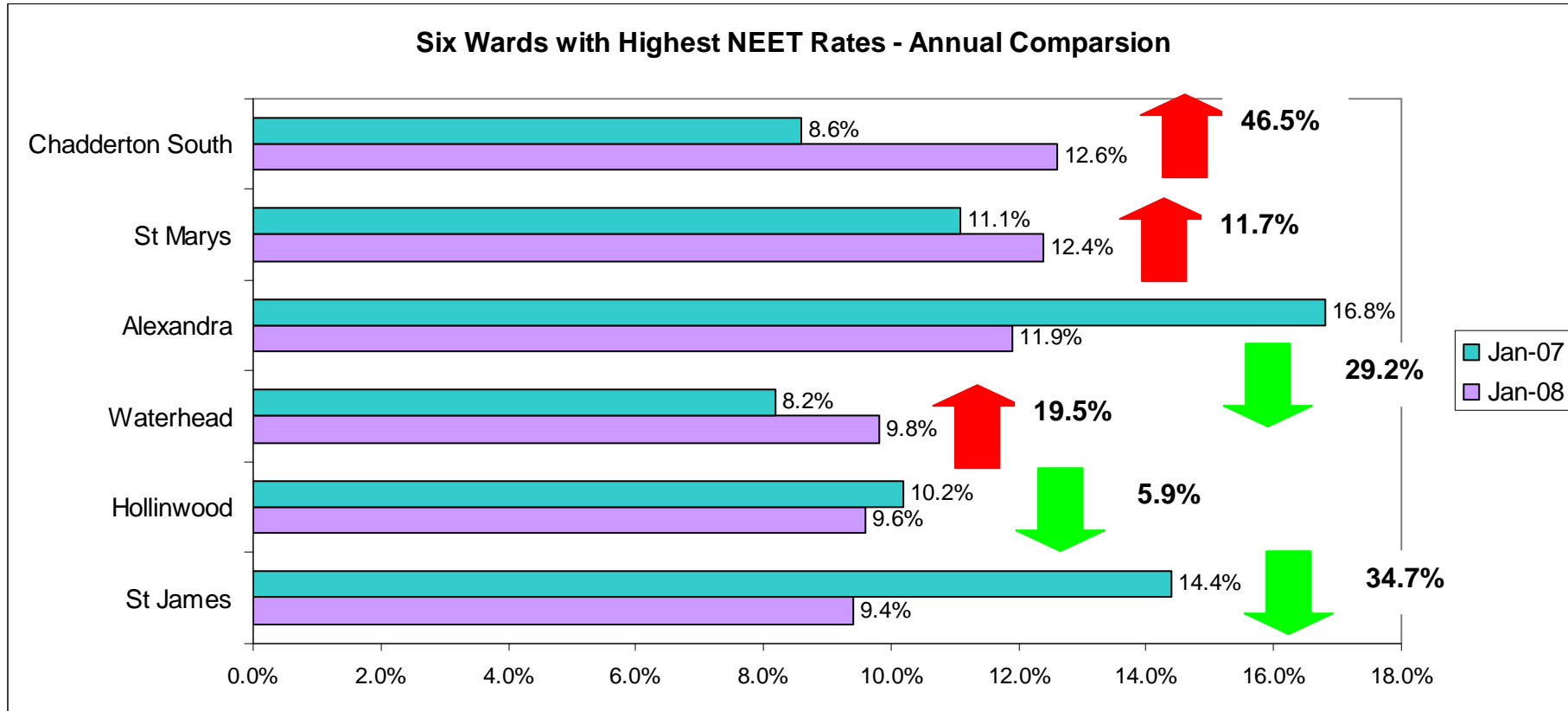
The next graph shows the change in the six wards with the highest NEET rates since last month



Source: Connexions Local Management Information

There are mainly increases in the NEET rates in the 'top six' wards between November and December. However, Alexandra and St James ward have headed in the right direction again.

Annual Changes



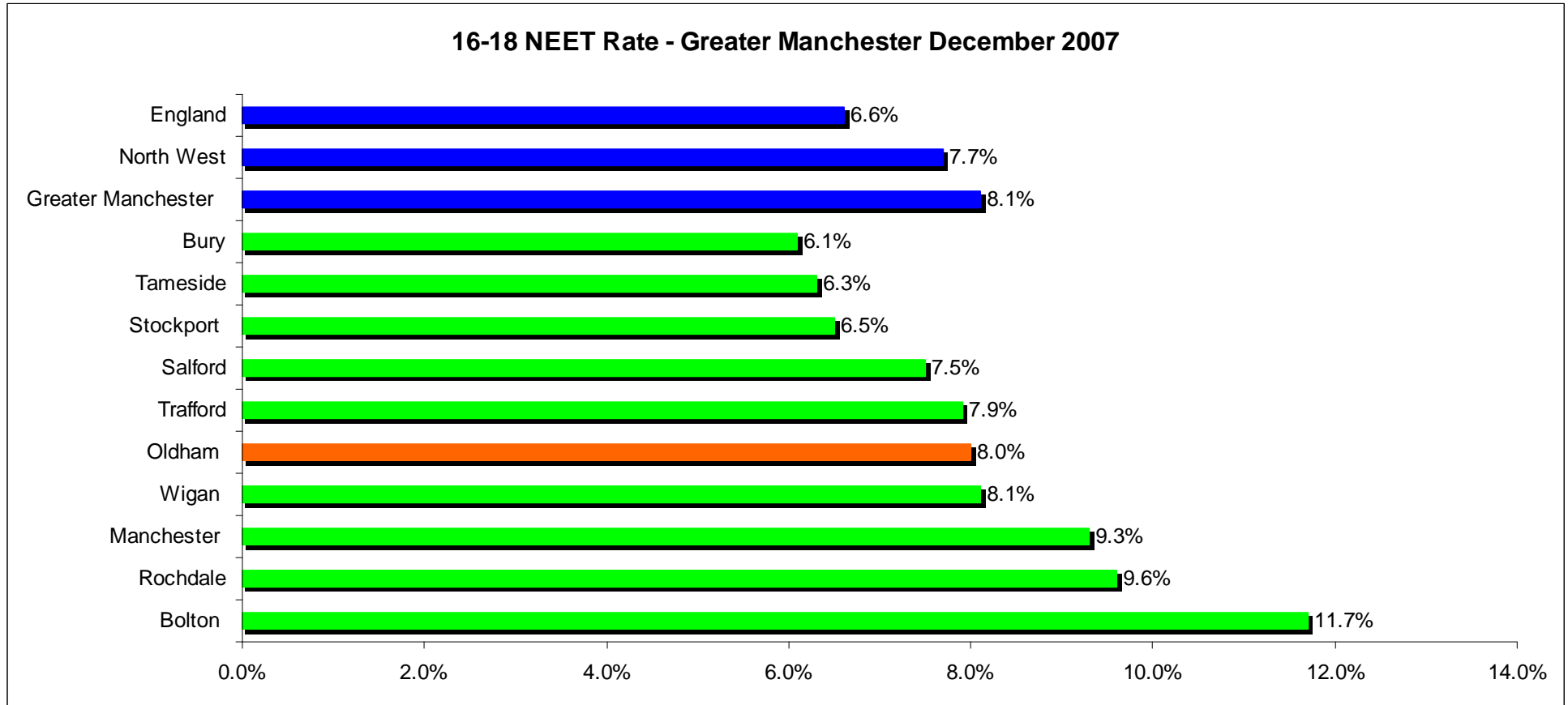
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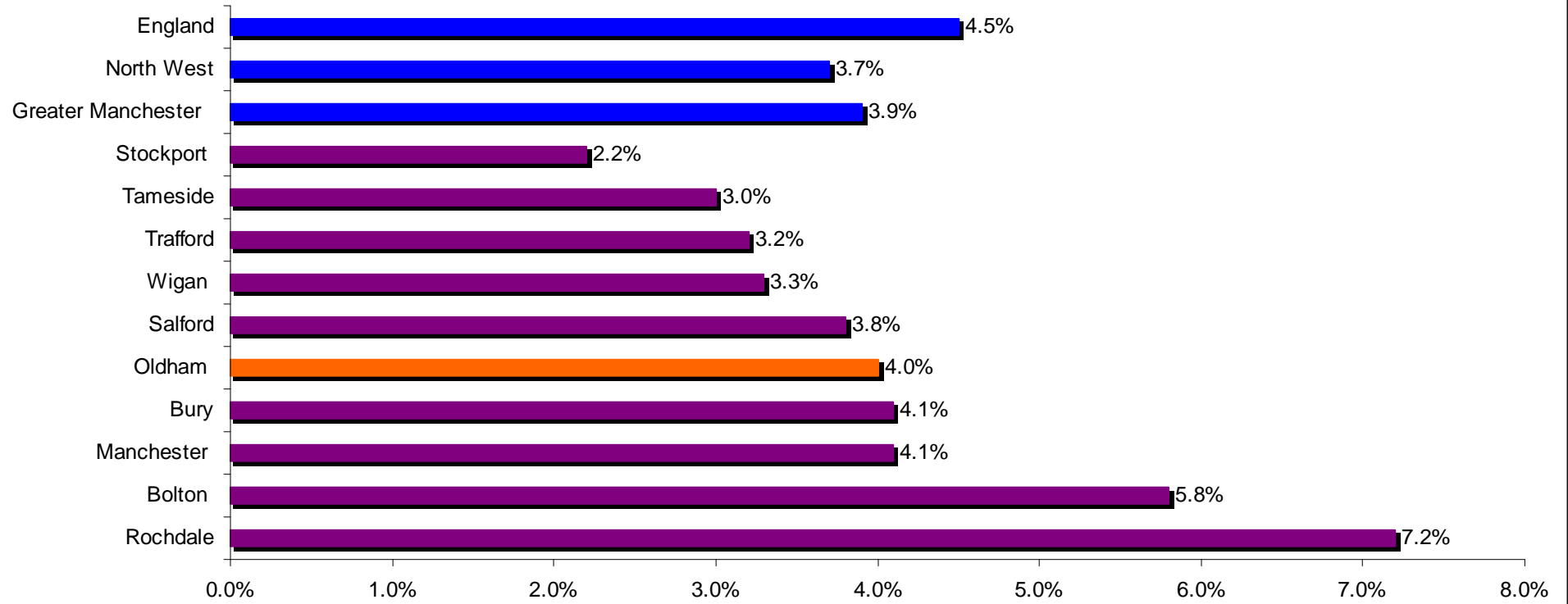
- Alexandra Ward and more recently, St James Ward, have benefited from additional Connexions PA resources and other funded and pooled activity from a range of partner agencies, the reductions are very promising.
- Attention, this month, will be turned on Chadderton South and Waterhead wards.

GREATER MANCHESTER KEY DATA

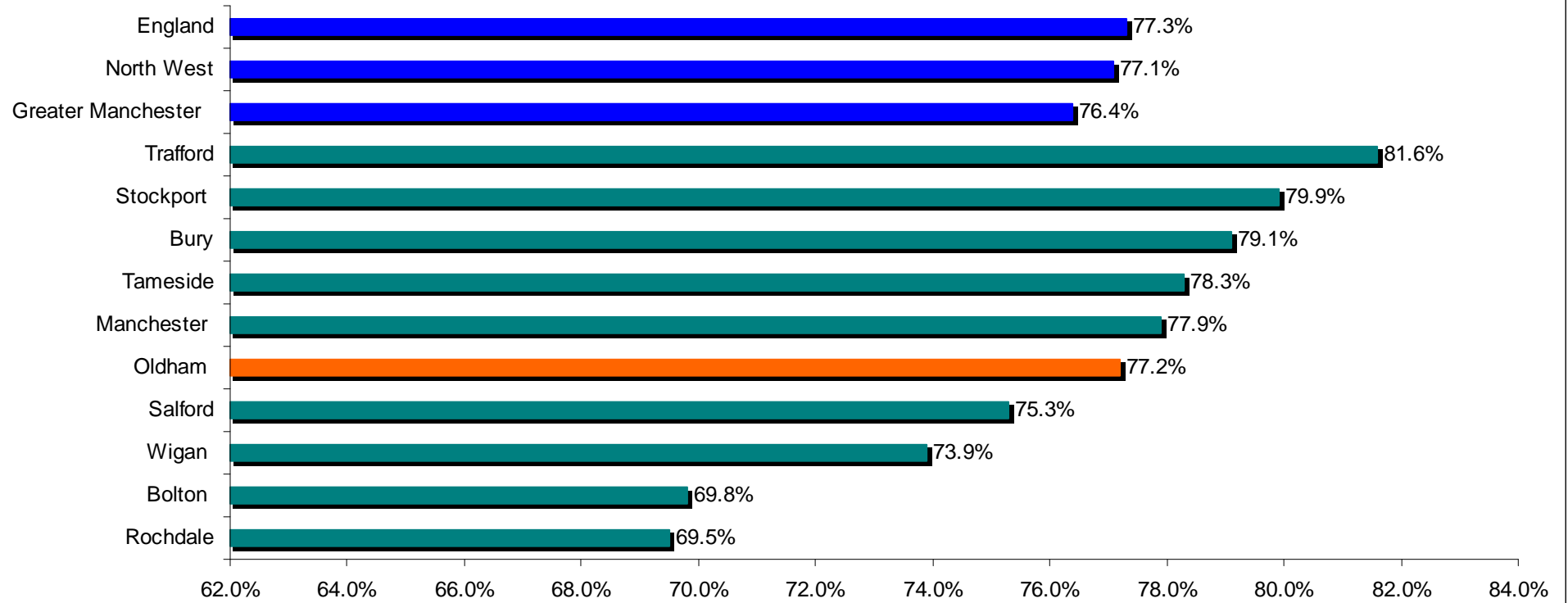
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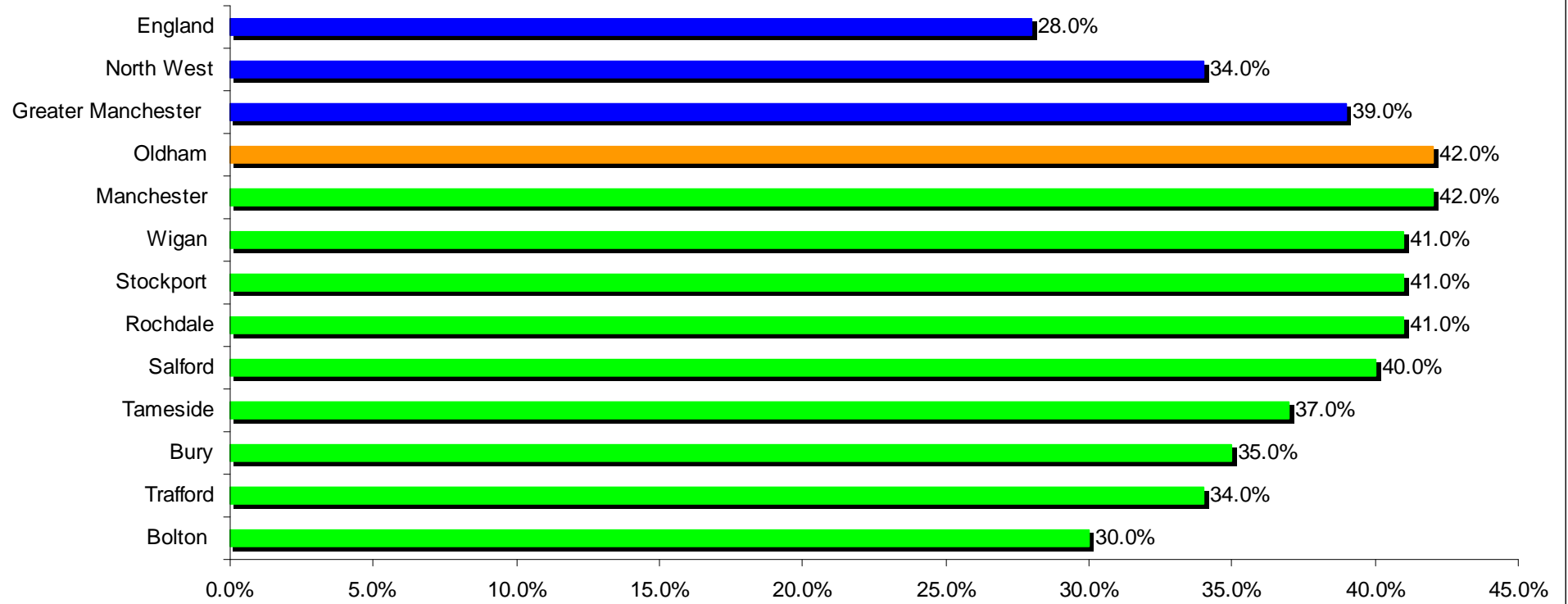
16-18 Unknown Rate - Greater Manchester December 2007



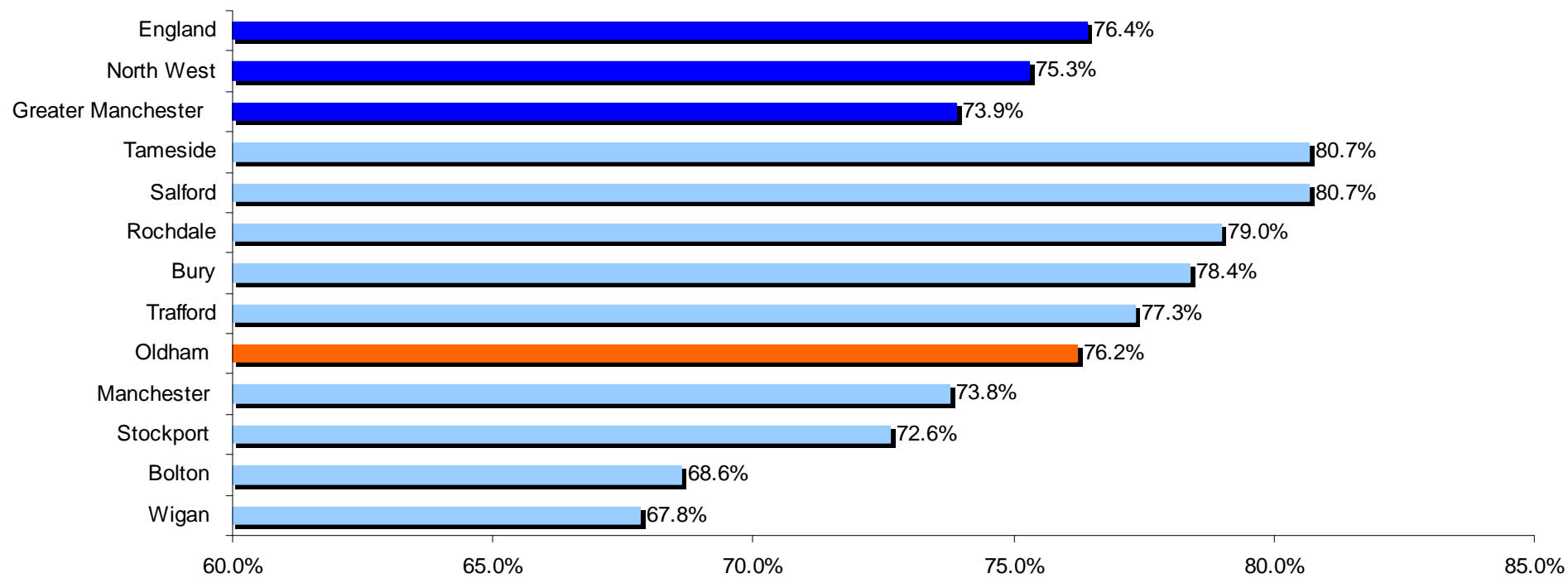
16-18 In Learning Rate - Greater Manchester December 2007



Teenage Parents in Education, Employment & Training - Greater Manchester December 2007

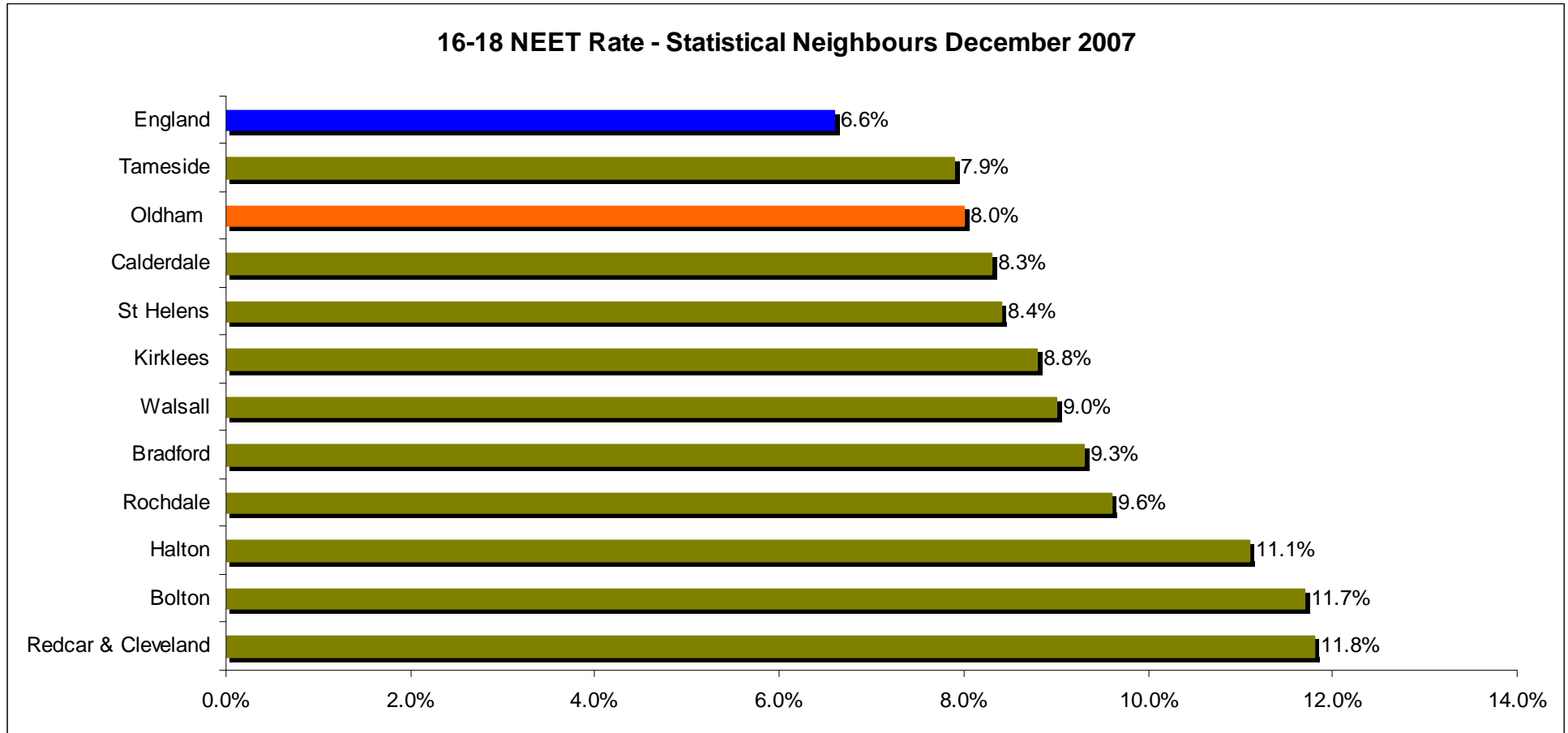


Young People with Learning and/or Other Disabilities in Education, Employment & Training - Greater Manchester December 2007

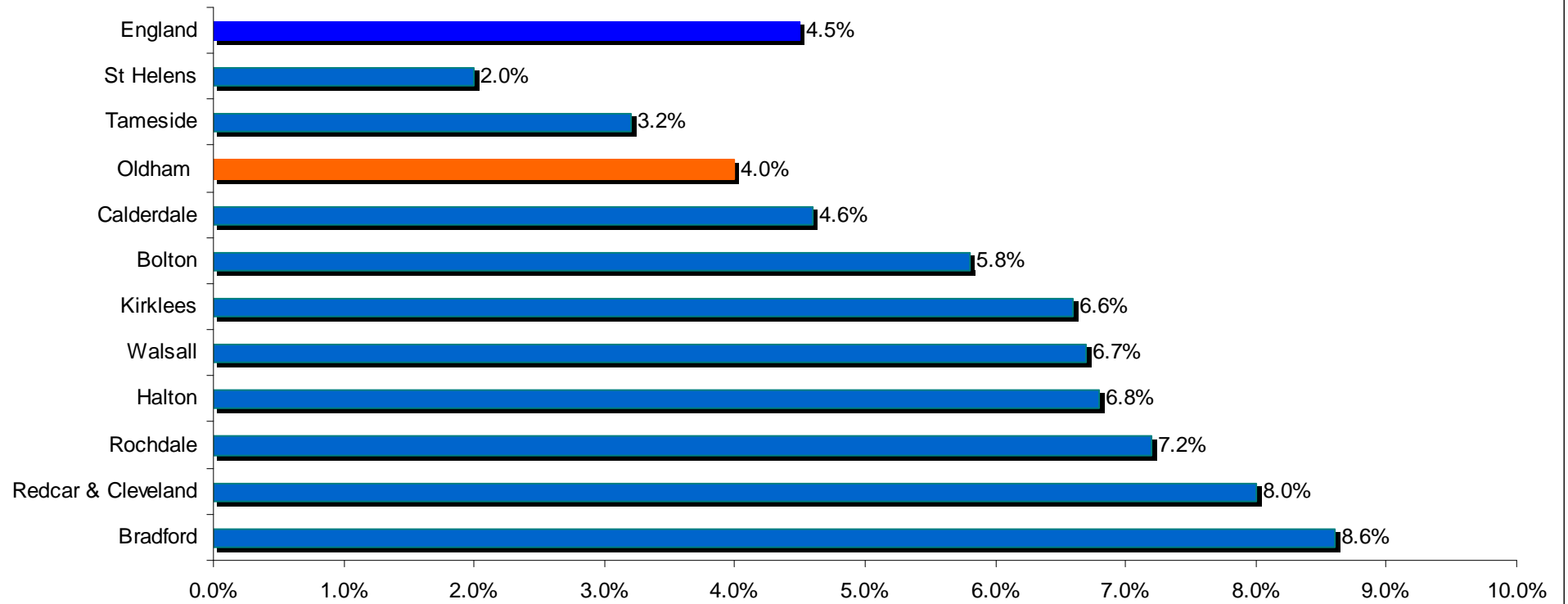


STATISTICAL NEIGHBOURS' KEY DATA

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16-18 Unknown Rate - Statistical Neighbours December 2007



16-18 In Learning Rate - Statistical Neighbours - December 2007

