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Dear Andrew,

I am writing to response to WQ86420: Will the Minister confirm how many disabled people age 16-25 have had the opportunity to take up apprenticeships, jobs or work experience as part of the Young Person's Guarantee?

The Young Person's Guarantee (YPG) was launched in November 2021 and features some programmes that are reported on within academic years, where there is a time lag between the end of the reporting period and the publication date, to ensure that the data is as complete as possible and quality assured.

In the 2020/21 academic year, there were 850 apprenticeship programmes started by learners aged 16 to 25 with a disability and/or learning difficulty.

Provisional statistics for the first two quarters of the 2021/22 academic year (August 2021 to January 2022) show that there were 735 apprenticeship programmes started by learners aged 16 to 25 with a disability and/or learning difficulty between August 2021 and January 2022.

Elsewhere, two of the YPG's main work based learning and progression programmes are only a few months into operation: [Job Growth Wales+](#) (April); and [ReAct+](#) (June) and where a breakdown of outcomes based on protected characteristics is not yet available. For Jobs Growth Wales+, more [detailed statistics](#), including breakdowns by protected characteristics (including disability), will be published following the first full financial year of the programme and on an annual basis going forwards.

For our more established Community Employability Programmes: from October 2021 to August 2022, 261 disabled young people have been supported by Communities for Work (CfW) (8.2% of all young people supported) and 17 by Parents, Childcare and Employment (PaCE) (5.3% of all young people supported). Between October 2021 and June 2022 [Communities for Work+](#) (CfW+) has supported a total of 2,765 young people. Whilst we know 7.4% of all CfW+ participants supported during that period identified themselves as being a disabled individual, we aren't able to identify a separate figure for 16 to 25 year olds.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Furthermore, as of 30 September, 350 young people (identifying as disabled) have at minimum received advice and a career action plan from Working Wales under the YPG.

For all the data presented, it should be noted that recipients are not legally obliged to provide their disability status.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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