



# **Review: 2003-08**

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## **1 Executive Summary**

1.1 Over the five year period 2003-08 South Yorkshire has received just over £24,000,000 to take forward a widening participation agenda for the Area through the Excellence Challenge, Partnerships 4 Progression and Aimhigher initiatives. (See Appendix 13.1)

1.2 Significant proportions of the funds have been devolved to the four local authorities with further devolvement to individual schools and colleges which has resulted in a diversity of widening participation initiatives which are summarised in section 5.

1.3 Widening participation initiatives have been initiated at Area, District and individual school and college level to meet the objectives of both Area and District strategies with each focusing on local learner needs.

1.4 Activities have been targeted at students from groups who are under represented in Higher Education (HE) identified as those living in neighbourhoods of lower than average participation rates, lower socio-economic groups and no family history of HE.

1.5 Projects have been run in three main categories

- Raising Aspirations, Awareness and Motivation
- Vocational Learning and Progression
- Information, Advice and Guidance

1.6 A series of data management projects have identified, at Area and District level, changes in attainment at KS3, GCSE and Post 16 sourced from DCSF Attainment Tables and progression into HE sourced from UCAS data.

1.7 There is evidence that attainments, in South Yorkshire, at KS3 and GCSE have improved from 2000 to 2007 relative to the England Averages. Similarly GCE attainments have improved accompanied by a significant increase in the number of students progressing into Post 16 education.

1.8 The numbers applying for and being accepted into HE have increased significantly, particularly in 2007. With a large and increasing percentage of “unknowns” in terms of social class evidencing the changes from the widening participation cohort is problematic. Despite these limitations applicants and accepts from the known widening participation cohort increased at a higher rate than from the known non widening participation.

1.9 The gender issue continues to widen with increasingly more females than males progressing into HE

1.10 The outcomes against targets over the 2003-2008 period are very positive forming a solid foundation on which to progress the 2008-2011 Aimhigher strategy in South Yorkshire.

## 2 Introduction

2.1 The development of the fully integrated Aimhigher initiative in South Yorkshire, which was funded from 2006-08, benefited from the well established Partnerships 4 Progression programme which ran from 2003-06 and the Excellence Challenge initiative in which both Rotherham and Sheffield participated from 2001 and Barnsley and Doncaster from 2003. Both of these initiatives provided the foundation of widening participation awareness and activity on which the Aimhigher Integration Strategy could be developed and implemented from 2004-06.

2.2 The Aimhigher Integration Strategy, developed in 2003, envisaged three clear phases, 13-16 Raising Aspirations; 16-19 Preparation and Transition; and 19+ Progression Programmes.

2.3 In 2006 the national evaluation of Aimhigher: Excellence Challenge was published with the following key findings particularly relevant to South Yorkshire

- *Young people who had opportunities to discuss life at university with undergraduates were one and a half times as likely to aspire to HE.*
- *The programme has added value to working relationships within and across educational sectors.*
- *Overall, there has been an improvement in the proportion of Y9 pupils attaining levels 4, 5, or 6 in Mathematics at Key Stage 3, and an in GCSE total points score.*
- *Overall, activities appear to be more beneficial when they are part of a co-ordinated and on-going programme rather than one off.*
- *Post-16 young people are significantly more likely to aspire to higher education if they have:*
  - *Had discussions in year 11 with teachers about HE*
  - *Been on a residential activity*
  - *Received a programme of careers education and guidance activities*
  - *During Y11 spoken to a student mentor from a higher education institution*
  - *Received information and guidance about higher education.*

2.4 There is evidence, supported by the data in the Appendices in Section 13, that increased aspirations towards and awareness of HE has increased in South Yorkshire together with an increase in attainment levels during the Excellence Challenge and Aimhigher Integration funding periods.

2.5 Because it will be the long term impact which will influence applications to HE it is too early to say if the initiatives have generated a sustained increase in applicants from the widening participation cohort which is compounded by the lack of appropriate data. Initial results, however, suggest that the impact on HE applications is positive.

2.6 The 2004-06 Aimhigher South Yorkshire Strategic Plan included a vision statement that all students with the ability, aspiration and desire will have the

opportunity to progress to higher education and that they reflect the social composition of the sub-region. In addition the Aims stated that Aimhigher South Yorkshire will:

- Widen the participation of learners from under-represented groups in higher education
- Increase participation in higher education, including progression through vocational and apprenticeship programmes.

2.7 Also, in order to increase and widen participation in higher education, the Aimhigher South Yorkshire objectives included:

- Raise the awareness, aspiration and motivation of students from under represented groups to progress to higher education
- Improve the routes into higher education from vocational and apprenticeship programmes
- Provide independent and high quality information, advice and guidance to encourage students to make the most of their ability and potential by progressing to appropriate courses;
- Raise the attainment of students from under-represented groups with the potential to enter higher education;
- Enhance partnership working between schools, training providers, colleges, and higher education to build on success, share expertise and disseminate good practice.

2.8 By facilitating an Area level centrally funded programme of activities over the five year period, modified on an annual basis following monitoring and evaluation, Aimhigher South Yorkshire has been able to meet these objectives. The range of Area projects and outcomes are summarised in Section 3

2.9 In addition, each of the four Districts, whilst operating independently to meet local needs, has delivered a diversity of both District co-ordinated and individual school and college based projects to contribute to both the Area and their own objectives. These are outlined in Section 4.

2.10 From 2001-03 Rotherham and Sheffield received a total of £2,264,000, through Excellence Challenge, to support widening participation initiatives. In 2003-2006, when funding became Area wide South Yorkshire received £14,042,022 and £7,733,384 in 2006-08. The breakdown of centrally retained funds and allocations to each Local Authority are given in Appendix 13.4

### **3 South Yorkshire – Overview**

#### **3.1 General Context**

3.1.1 Throughout the two funding periods Sheffield Hallam University has undertaken the role of lead institution and banker for Aimhigher South Yorkshire. In addition it has hosted the Aimhigher South Yorkshire Directorate and employed a Director and administrative support staff.

3.1.2 Fundamental to the identification of Area needs and priorities and the management and delivery of appropriate activities has been the extensive consultation with Stakeholders. This wide ranging consultation was a major factor in preparation of the 2004-06 Aimhigher Integration Strategic Plan and the 2006-08 Strategic Plan. Primary Stakeholders included the four Local Authorities, the two HEIs, the Open University and in 2006-08 the new University Centre Barnsley, the IAG providers, South Yorkshire FE Colleges, Schools, Connexions, LSC and Training Providers.

3.1.3 A significant outcome of such consultations was the need to take into account the diversity of the secondary education infrastructure in South Yorkshire. Barnsley primarily consists of 11-16 schools with most post 16 provision focused on Barnsley College and most schools in Doncaster are 11-19. In Rotherham schools are approximately half and half 11-16 and 11-19, with one sixth form college and two FE Colleges. Sheffield schools are seventy five percent 11-16 and twenty five percent 11-19 with significant post 16 provision at The Sheffield College and the new Longley Park Sixth Form College.

3.1.4 This diversity has been recognised and addressed by appropriate funding allocations at both Local Authority and individual institutions levels and the provision and access to centrally funded activities.

3.1.5 The South Yorkshire Aimhigher Area Steering Group [ASG] was established in 2004 to oversee the integration of Aimhigher: Partnerships 4 Progression and Aimhigher: Excellence Challenge. At an early stage the ASG recognised the need to support ongoing activity in both initiatives but also to capitalise on the opportunity to fund new initiatives as well as working towards the sustainability of and embedding of the principles of Aimhigher in Local Authorities, Schools and Colleges.

## **3.2 Barriers to Higher Education in South Yorkshire**

3.2.1 A fundamental barrier to progression to higher education in South Yorkshire was identified as low attainment. Low attainment at key stage 4 means that many pupils are not in a position to progress to level 3 post 16 provision. Consequently, although a large proportion of those with level 3 qualifications progress to higher education, they represent a relatively small number of the overall cohort. Key to both widening and increasing participation is raising pupils' aspirations to progress beyond key stage 4. If aspirations are raised, pupils will be more motivated to achieve and progress to level 3.

3.2.2 A study carried out on behalf of the Learning and Skills Council South Yorkshire identified a number of 'aspirational' barriers:

- *Low aspirations for both education and career/employment*
- *Conflict between aspirations and loyalty towards family, peer group and community*
- *Low awareness of higher education provision and its benefits*
- *Concerns about student debt*

- *Low family/parental involvement in providing support for progression*
- *Low awareness of and contact with surrounding communities / locations.*

3.2.3 The study indicated that direct contact and involvement with higher education providers is seen as a key means of overcoming low aspirations. Careers and education advisers also have an important role in raising aspirations and emphasising the value of higher education, as do parents and other influencers within the community.

3.2.4 In addressing all of these issues Aimhigher South Yorkshire formed a management team consisting of the Aimhigher South Yorkshire Director and the four Local Authority Aimhigher Co-ordinators. In addition consultation groups were established covering CPD, Disability, IAG, Mentoring, Quality Assurance and Vocational Learning.

### **3.3 Outcome Targets**

3.3.1 In particular the role of the Quality Assurance Group was seen as vital to evidencing progress towards and achievement of the outcome targets established as:

- Increased application rates to higher education
- Improvements in attainment at level 2 and 3 and equivalent
- Improvements in the proportion of students receiving top UCAS tariff points
- Improvements in post-16 participation rates at level 3
- Reports of improved attitudes and aspirations towards HE
- Reports of increased awareness of HE, including vocational routes, and the Aimhigher brand
- Improvements in the level of involvement and positive attitudes among a range of key people including HE admissions tutors, parents and employers

3.3.2 Whilst reports of improved attitudes and increased awareness were incorporated into the regular monitoring of activities the Quality Assurance Group commissioned additional research to evidence this [see section 7] as well as facilitating the creation of a database with the following general indicators:

- An increase in the number of applicants to UCAS
- An increase in the percentage of pupils achieving 5+ grade A\* to C at GCSE
- An increase in the average UCAS tariff point score for students taking level 3 qualifications (GCE & VCE)
- An increase in the average UCAS tariff point score per examination entry at level 3 (GCE & VCE)

- An increase in the percentage of 18 and 19 year old UCAS applicants achieving more than 300 UCAS tariff points at level 3
- An increase in the percentage of 18 and 19 year old UCAS applicants achieving more than 400 UCAS tariff points at level 3
- An increase in the percentage of students progressing to post 16 full-time education

### **3.4 Target Cohorts**

3.4.1 Activities aimed at widening participation cohorts specifically targeted the following:

- Those living in neighbourhoods with lower than average rates of participation in higher education as defined by “Polar” data
- Those from the lower socio-economic groups
- Those whose family have no previous experience of higher education (either their parents or siblings);
- Young people in care
- Disabled people
- Minority ethnic groups or other groups under-represented in HE, in certain subject areas and in certain types of institution

## **4 Districts – Overview**

4.1 At District Level each Local Authority was allocated funds as outlined in Appendix 13.1 and the distribution was in proportion to the numbers on roll after the ASG had decided on the proportion to be retained centrally by Aimhigher South Yorkshire [approximately 25%].

4.2 Each Local Authority was given complete autonomy in deciding how to use its Aimhigher funds. The proportions retained centrally and the amounts devolved down to individual schools and colleges within each Local Authority were at the discretion of the individual management decision making processes.

4.3 In Rotherham and Sheffield significant proportions were retained centrally to allow the funding of centrally co-ordinated programmes of activity as well as funds allocated to individual institutions allowing schools and colleges to develop their own “learner needs” based strategies.

4.4 In Barnsley, after a retained allowance for co-ordination costs and a small sum for central co-ordinated projects, all funds were devolved to schools and the college.

4.6 In Doncaster 50% was devolved to schools and colleges and 50% to cover central co-ordination and central activities.

4.7 Schools and Colleges have been required to submit monitoring returns to each Local Authority Aimhigher Co-ordinator. In general school and college based Aimhigher activities can be grouped into the following:

- Study skills support
- Mentoring
- Curriculum enhancement
- Enhanced IAG
- Ambassador schemes

4.8 Local Authority centrally co-ordinated Aimhigher activities included:

- HE Summer Schools
- Masterclasses
- University Campus Visits
- Theatre Group Presentations

4.9 The four Local Authorities combined to negotiate a single contract with Impact Theatre for Area wide delivery of their “Staying in Learning” presentations and workshops to Y10 students. Doncaster acted as the contract holders and the take up by secondary schools was typically 95% in any one year. Evaluations have shown the presentations to be very valuable in raising awareness of alternative qualifications and routes through post 16 education and consequent aspirations towards Higher Education.

4.10 A limited programme of similar presentations to parents and carers was first piloted in 2005 the most successful being those incorporated into evening sessions with a wider HE agenda rather than “stand alone”.

4.11 Originally started in 2001 as part of the Excellence Challenge initiative in Rotherham and Sheffield the Y12 Masterclass programme has been run under the Aimhigher identity since 2005. Initially funded in 2005 directly by each of the four Local Authorities the programme is now funded by Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield with additional funding from Barnsley College and Aimhigher South Yorkshire. There is now a well established programme of over 25 Masterclasses delivered, primarily, by Sheffield Hallam University and the University of Sheffield. Annual evaluation reports have evidenced the ongoing value of this programme.

## **5 Activity Projects – Centrally Funded**

### **5.1 Overview**

5.1.1 As mentioned in section 3.1.5 the ASG was keen to develop and support a diversity of centrally funded projects over the 2003-08 funding periods some of which have been supported each year whilst others have evolved more recently usually instigated from identified “learner needs”.

5.1.2 The complete list of projects has been collated under three main headings:

- Raising Aspirations, Awareness and Motivation
- Vocational Learning and Progression
- Information, Advice and Guidance

5.1.3 These are listed in Tables 5A, 5B & 5C with aggregated outcomes and impacts summarised in the following sections.

## **5.2 Raising Aspirations, Awareness and Motivation**

5.2.1 Whilst a number of projects have involved varying degrees of mentoring Projects P1-P4 listed in Table 5A were direct mentoring schemes aimed specifically at raising aspirations, awareness and motivation with, in some cases, increased attainment and HE progression elements of projects.

5.2.2 Project P1 Barnsley Ambassadors was particularly successful in far exceeding the target number of 375 beneficiaries with 1,389, and the diversity of both the background of the ambassadors (including parents) and ambassador activities. Staff from the 12 participating schools highlighted positive changes in attitude, help in overcoming barriers, increased self confidence and better prepared for educational transitions. Staff from the Pupil Referral Unit, where one ambassador was involved in 30 sessions with 8 beneficiaries, reported increased mature behaviour and enthusiasm.

5.2.3 Mentoring Projects P2 and P3 were very similar and involved face to face mentoring on a regular basis. Positive outcomes for mentees included better time management, a better understanding of University life and the consequent benefits and the development of new study skills and examination/revision techniques. Schools also reported improved GCSE performances for both mentees and the schools as a whole. Often overlooked are the benefits to mentors which were reported as enhanced time management and communication skills, the challenges and rewards of working with under achieving pupils and useful additions to CVs.

5.2.4 The 2008 research undertaken by Dr Diane Burns identifies in detail the many positive outcomes of these mentoring projects.

5.2.5 The pilot Parent Mentoring Project (P4) highlighted the success of recruiting highly motivated people with an enthusiasm to wanting to participate. Challenges included recognising that parent mentors can only be “signposters” with limited knowledge, even after training, and a realisation of the high level of administrative support required for relatively small numbers.

5.2.6 Projects P5-P8 were all associated with group activities and opportunities, from a generic point of view, to become more aware of and experience Higher Education.

5.2.7 Project P5 The Y8 Roadshows and Project P6 ACE Days created opportunities to expose large numbers of younger age groups to the concept

of further and higher education and to come into direct contact undergraduates as role models to which they could aspire. Project P7 HE Evenings Out created opportunities for Parents and Carers to be involved with their sons and daughters by experiencing Higher Education Institutions at first hand whilst project P8 consolidated the above projects through a residential experience of Higher Education.

5.2.8 The data on attainment and HE progression in section 9 identifies the gender issue of under achievement by males and significantly more females than males progressing into HE. There is also a wealth of evidence of “jobs stereotyping” by gender. The aims of Project P9 Promoting Positive Aspirations, run in Barnsley, were to specifically address stereotyping by running programmes targeted at “Girls into Engineering and Construction” and “Boys into Health and Care”. Both projects received extensive support from the relevant industries and staff reported dramatic changes in attitude.

5.2.9 Recognising the different needs of special groups, Projects P10-P12 were targeted at BME pupils, white working class boys and looked after children. Project P10 South Yorkshire Fellowship brought together Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Local Authorities, with relatively small BME cohorts with the well established Sheffield Fellowship programme of awareness and motivation for students in post 16 education.

5.2.10 There is now sufficient hard evidence to recognise the increasing under achievement of white working class boys. Aimhigher South Yorkshire funded pilot projects P11 in each of the four Local Authorities to work specifically with this cohort. Targeted at Y9 and Y10 pupils the projects utilised sport and popular music to engage with the participants with staff reporting significant changes in attitude towards education.

5.2.11 A number of sub groups have been identified as requiring special consideration, in particular, Looked After Children and their Carers. Recognised as difficult to engage with a pilot project P12

5.2.12 There is ongoing recognition of the benefits of creating opportunities for pupils to experience undergraduates as role models. Project P13 Graduation Project took this concept a stage further by identifying and profiling, after graduation, former pupils from particular schools, both primary and secondary. Profiles both as poster and web based have been welcomed by staff who have reported these being very well received by pupils.

5.2.13 Project P14 Residential Experience for FE Students adopted a Summer School format but focused particularly on vocational programmes in Higher Education as well as offering an experience of student life.

5.2.14 A small pilot research project revealed that staff in secondary schools had a limited understanding of the support services available to disabled students in HE. Project P15 Disability Outreach aimed to fill this gap by collating relevant information and recruiting disabled undergraduates to act as presenters and ambassadors in disseminating this information.

5.2.15 A number of projects have incorporated residential outdoor pursuits activities at the Hollowford Centre, Castleton as part of achieving motivation and increased self confidence. Project P16 Climb Higher gave similar opportunities to staff involved in promoting the widening participation agenda to judge for themselves the benefits of outdoor pursuits as part of the education process.

Table 5A Raising Aspirations, Awareness and Motivation

Project	Outline	Activity
P1 Barnsley Ambassadors (2003-08)	Recruiting local positive role models to encourage a “Can Do” approach to learning	Recruitment of Ambassadors to work with learners through group work, school visits and information events.
P2 Mentoring – Doncaster (2003-08)	Mentoring in Doncaster Schools by Undergraduates from Sheffield Hallam University and the University of Sheffield	Initially recruited and trained Mentors and Mentees as part of the National Mentoring Pilot Project. Supported by local HEIs, mentoring was face to face, mainly Y11 pupils, on a weekly basis for 16-22 weeks. Schools have reported improved GCSE performances
P3 Transition Mentoring – Barnsley, Rotherham & Sheffield (2003-2008)		Initially developed as the South Yorkshire Mentoring Forum focusing on Y11 C/D GCSE borderline pupils in danger of non completion. Later developed into post 16 transition to He mentoring both face to face and e mentoring
P4 Parent Mentoring (2007-08)	Pilot Projects: Engagement of Parents and Carers both as Influencers and Learners	“Pass it on” project in Sheffield in 2007-08 recruited and trained 13 Parent/Carer Mentors who attended 10 events at schools, colleges and Community Centres. Barnsley Project engaged with 11 Parents as an extension to the Learning Net

		Champions initiative
P5 Get Ahead Y8 Roadshows (2004-08)	To introduce pupils to the concept of Further and Higher Education by engaging with Undergraduate Students	Developed by Sheffield Hallam University to complement the National Aimhigher Y9 Roadshow. Over 8,000 participants over 4 years averaging 15 schools per year. All participants receive a "Roadshow Booklet"
P6 ACE Days (2003-	Aiming for a College Education Days	HEI based activity days to expose students to University Life supported by undergraduates
P7 HE Evenings Out (2003-08)	HEI based information evenings for Y10 pupils and parents/carers	Opportunities for families to visit an HEI and become more aware of the facilities and what is on offer
P8 Residential Experiences for Schools (2003-	Residential Taster Programme for Y9 pupils	An awareness of both academic and student life aspects of Higher Education
P9 Promoting Positive Aspirations (2003-2006)	Girls into Engineering and Construction – Boys into Health and Care	Run by Barnsley Aimhigher work experiences and role models
P10 South Yorkshire Fellowship (2006-08)	Positive Action Education Programme aimed at Y12/13 students from South Yorkshire Ethnic Minority Communities	Co-ordinated by the Ethnic Minority Achievement Service of Sheffield City Council the programme consisted of a series of 9 raising aspirations and attainment workshops for 30 students supported by ongoing mentoring from 7 Mentors.
P11 White Working Class Boys (2007-08)	Raise attainment and aspirations	Pilot projects in all 4 Local Authorities working with Y9 and Y10 boys likely to under achieve
P12 Looked After Children (2006-08)	How to engage with Looked After Children and their Carers	
P13 Graduation Project	Developing Graduate	Commenced in 2003-04

(2003-08)	Profiles of former pupils from South Yorkshire Schools from backgrounds under-represented in Higher Education	with over 850 profiles by 2007-08. Profiles (posters and web based) used extensively across primary, secondary and further education in 200 primary and 85 schools and colleges. Web hits of 440,000 in 2007-08
P14 Residential Experiences for FE Students (2003-2008)	Residential Taster Programme for FE Students	Focus on vocational courses in Higher Education.
P15 Disability Outreach (2003-08)	Disability Audit  Explore the understanding of Education Providers about services for disabled students in HE and provide relevant information	(2003-06) Audit of activities in South Yorkshire resulting in a checklist for Activity Planners and Deliverers  (2006-08) Research by Sheffield Hallam University to identify gaps, recruited and trained 5 mentors 6 disabled students to give 10 talks in colleges and at workshops.
P16 Climb Higher (2005-06)	Outdoor Education and the WP agenda	Training staff in the use and benefits of outdoor education for WP pupils. Based at the Hollowford Centre, Castleton

### 5.3 Vocational Learning and Progression

5.3.1 In section 2.7 reference was made of the need to improve progression into HE for students with vocational qualifications and to promote these as alternative routes for progression. A total of nine projects relating to vocational learning and progression are listed in Table 5B.

5.3.2 Business Education South Yorkshire co-ordinated two linked projects P17 Pelican and P18 Vocational Masterclasses which arranged structured work experience placements for Y9-Y11 students and a programme of masterclasses in vocational subjects for Y8-Y11 students. Both projects reported high take up rates, increased awareness of the range of vocational subjects and related professions and positive outcomes of attitudes towards vocational subjects and the opportunities for progression into HE.

5.3.3 The Industrial Trust project P19 Open Horizons extended the range of opportunities to experience the world of work by organising group visits to employers in both business and industry. A particular feature was the opportunity to enrich the vocational curriculum.

5.3.4 Project P20 UniWorks addressed the lack of information about local labour market opportunities for graduates in South Yorkshire. A joint venture between the Careers Services of two Universities in Sheffield developed a web site of relevant information supported by a UniWorks magazine, workshops and Open Days.

5.3.5 It has long been recognised that has been difficult to obtain places on some degree programmes which relate directly to professions because of the high entry requirements. To address this issue for students not only under-represented in HE but also in such degree programmes the University of Sheffield developed its Professions Progression Partnerships. Project, P21.

5.3.6 Based on their access to medicine scheme, initially Accounting, Architecture and Law programmes were developed and later extended to include Engineering and Science. Typically working with Y11-Y13 students the programmes included study support, appropriate visits and support through the applications and admissions process.

5.3.7 Recognising that school and college staff teaching vocational subjects would benefit from visits to employers and support in bringing the world of work into the classroom, Project P22 Vocational Teacher Placements was rolled out in all four Local Authorities. In addition to the support and visits enrichment of the curriculum was cited as one of the most significant outcomes. One Local Authority piloted the concept in a primary school working with Y5 pupils. A similar project P23 Vocational International Languages was designed to develop links to create language based work placements.

5.3.8 Project P24 Building Pathways was developed to widen participation into higher education from students in local FE Colleges. This created a framework and infrastructure which enabled learners to move easily between FE Colleges and HEIs. It also addressed the retention issue through enhanced information, guidance and support.

5.3.9 Additional work through project P25 Vocational Progression linked to the South Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network challenged current working practices and created new progression agreements, particularly for vocational and worked based learners.

Table 5B Vocational Learning and Progression

Project	Outline	Activity
P17 Pelican (2003-08)	Work Experience Placement Schemes	Co-ordinated by Business Education

		South Yorkshire by arranging placements for Y9-Y11 students with resources developed for recording experiences.
P18 Aimhigher Vocational Classes (2003-08)	Vocational masterclasses for Y8-Y11 pupils	Co-ordinated by Business Education South Yorkshire and delivered by HEIs and Industrial Organisations in vocational subjects
P19 Open Horizons (2004-08)	Introducing pupils to the world of work through the Industrial Trust	Targeted at KS3-5 pupils with 4,000 pupil visits to 29 employers/businesses and HEIs from 31 schools and colleges
P20 UniWorks (2005-08)	Employment options for HE Leavers within South Yorkshire	Developing multi media information sources about local labour market opportunities for graduates in South Yorkshire. A joint venture between the Careers Services of Sheffield Hallam University and the University of Sheffield
P21 Profession Progression Partnerships	Development of fair access to degree programmes and professions from under-represented groups	Run by the University of Sheffield initially in Accountancy, Architecture, Law and Medicine and later extended to Science and Engineering. Based on experience activities with support for applications and admissions to HE
P22 Vocational Teacher Placements (2006-08)	Supporting the delivery of vocationally related programmes	Facilitate opportunities for school and college staff to visit employers, develop curriculum materials and bring the world of work into the classroom
P23 Vocational International Languages (2005-06)	Developing NVQ Modern Language Units	Supporting post 16 progression and developing links for language work

		placements
P24 Building Pathways (2003-06)	Mapping routes and pathways for learners	Creation of a framework and infrastructure which enables learners to move easily between FE and HE Institutions. Includes a database, information leaflets and Stay Local: HE in FE Fairs
P25 Vocational Progression (2006-08)	Updated and extension to the Building Pathways Project	To simplify and encourage progression and widen participation by enabling learners to move easily within and between Institutions with clearly mapped routes and pathways

## 5.4 Information, Advice and Guidance

5.4.1 Whilst all of the projects listed in tables 5A and 5B were developed to raise awareness and aspirations there was recognition at an early stage of the need to ensure appropriate information, advice and guidance was in place to capitalise on the positive outcomes of such initiatives. Projects listed in Table 5C were developed to support the provision of quality of information, advice and guidance.

5.4.2 This initially focused on the need to develop an HE Guidance Support Network and train and update, on HE progression issues, training providers. This was achieved through project P26 Careers Education Guidance which also involved updating IAG professionals and the establishing of a CEG Quality Award.

5.4.3 Apart from CEG and IAG professionals young people have direct contact with a range of Influencers. Project P27 Influencing the Influencers developed resources and engaged with parents and carers as influencers, particularly regarding motivation to want to progress into HE.

5.4.4 Complementary to project P27 was project P30 Adult Learners, facilitated by the Open University, which engaged with Adult Learners, Union Learning Representatives and Young Trade Union Members through a series of information workshops. Similarly project P31 Community Learning Brokerage extended the Building Pathways and Vocational Progression projects by providing IAG at community events and signposting to relevant courses.

5.4.5 With the ever changing financial issues of tuition fees and student financial support, engaging with the widening participation cohort to address finance as a perceived barrier to entering HE became increasingly important.

5.4.6 Project P28 Financial Information and Advice utilised the opportunity of families involvement with Credit Unions by training Credit Union Staff to address HE related financial issues and engage with appropriate school and community groups.

5.4.7 Financial issues were further addressed by the development of project P29 Cash Course. An interactive finance and budgeting workshop was created to make young people more aware of the realities of financial management and appropriate budgeting. A joint venture between Sheffield Hallam University and the Students Union the workshop was well received in schools.

Table 5C Information, Advice and Guidance

Project	Outline	Activity
P26 Careers Education Guidance (2003-08)	Updating and training of CEG and IAG related to He Progression	Initially established an HE Guidance Support Network and developed into signposting training, CEG Quality Award support and support for training providers. Later developed into updating for IAG professionals
P27 Influencing the Influencers (2004-08)	Developing resources and engaging with Parents and Carers to motivate young people towards Further and Higher Education	Co-ordinated in Sheffield by Sheffield Futures and in Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham by Nord Anglia Lifetime Development. Web site developed and 17 leaflets produced and updated. Community, school and college based events organised.
P28 Finance Information and Advice (2004-08)	Engaging with Credit Unions  Promoting Financial Literacy	(2004-06) Credit Union staff trained as influencers of WP Cohorts and their families  Credit Union staff engaging with schools and community groups
P29 Cash Course	Interactive finance and	Joint programme

(2006-08)	budgeting workshop	developed by Sheffield Hallam University and their Students Union. Clearer understanding of financial information within the wider context of Higher Education. 25 sessions involving 343 students in 15 schools and colleges
P30 Adult Learners (2006-08)	Higher Education for Adult Learners in Community Settings	Organised by the Open University over 500 Adult Learners, Union Learning Representatives and Young Trade Union Members attended a range of workshops and information sessions.
P31 Community Learning Brokerage (2006-08)	To further develop the Building Pathways Project by promoting different pathways into HE to Adult Learners	260 Learners were individually engaged, through community events, and sign posted to relevant courses

## 6 CPD Programme

6.1 During the 2003-08 period 18 CPD sessions were facilitated by Aimhigher South Yorkshire. Initially these related to broad widening participation issues but eventually became more focused on specific issues, particularly finance, disability and IAG.

6.2 The CPD Programme is summarised below:

Title	Date & Participants
Building Pathways Conference	Apr 2004 – 110 delegates
Disability Conference	Apr 2004 – 80 delegates
Partnerships 4 Progression Conference	Jun 2004 – 95 delegates
WP – What's it all about	Apr 2005 -
HE Admissions and the Widening Participation Agenda	May 2005
Project Management	May 2005
HE Advisers Conference [with UCAS]	May 2008
Disability – Removing Barriers to Learning	Jun 2005
Careers Education Guidance – Unlocking Potential	Jul 2005

Admission & Progression of BTEC Students at Sheffield University	- 40 delegates
Project Management	Feb 2006 -
Evaluating and Evidencing Impact	Oct 2007 – 47 delegates
Evaluating and Evidencing Impact	Feb 2007 – 46 delegates
Inclusivity in Widening Participation	Feb 2006 -
HE Admissions Tests	April 2007 – 41 delegates
Building Financial Futures	May 2007 – 44 delegates
Disability: Diagnosis and Transition Support	Dec 2007 – 60 delegates
Building Financial Futures	Feb 2008 – 48 delegates
Celebrating Success	May 2008 148 Delegates
Specific Learning Difficulties	55 delegates
Vocational Progression into HE	Mar 2008 – 58 delegates

## 7 Research and Evaluation Projects

7.1 With the diversity of activities undertaken during the 2003-08 funding period, some of which were innovative, Aimhigher South Yorkshire commissioned a number of research and evaluation projects designed to assess “value for money” or effectiveness and impact”.

7.2 The reports are listed below together with a brief overview. Copies of some reports are available from the Aimhigher South Yorkshire Directorate.

### 2004

- Audit of disability outreach activity in South Yorkshire; Tina Elliott & Carol Wilson, Nornir Ltd
- Building Pathways: Advanced Apprentices' perceptions of Higher Education; Tamsin Bowers-Brown, CRE, Sheffield Hallam University

### 2005

- Building Pathways: Employers' views of Apprentice Progression to HE; Tamsin Bowers-Brown, CRE, Sheffield Hallam University
- Impact of Aimhigher on Three Institutions; Gill Fowler, Colin McCaig, Tamsin Bowers-Brown; Centre for Research and Evaluation, Sheffield Hallam University.
- Research Report on the Transition of Disabled Learners from Further Education to Higher Education, Manny Madriaga, Sheffield Hallam University
- Evaluation Report on Aimhigher Activity in South Yorkshire, Jon Parry, Connexions South Yorkshire

### 2006

- 16-18 year old students with specific learning difficulties: Transition into HE; Vicky Heathcote and Frances Brindley, University of Sheffield.
- The admission and progression of BTEC National Diploma students at the University of Sheffield, Richard Pethin

## **2007**

- Aimhigher South Yorkshire and Sheffield Hallam Student Union Projects: An evaluation, Joanne Gledhill, Tamsin Bowers-Brown, Peggy Haughton, CRE, Sheffield Hallam University
- A Report for the Building Pathways Project on the Role of the Advocate; Phil Logan & Sue Webb, TILL, University of Sheffield

## **2008**

- Evaluation of Aimhigher South Yorkshire Mentoring Programmes, Dr Diane Burns, University of Sheffield
- Evaluation: examples of good practice and recommendations. A case study of Professions Progression Partnership, Joanne Gledhill, Tamsin Bowers-Brown, Peggy Haughton, CRE, Sheffield Hallam University

## **8 Data Management Projects**

### **8.1 Yorkshire & Humber**

8.1.1 To evidence the impact of the Aimhigher initiatives in terms of progression into Higher Education in the Yorkshire & Humber Region Aimhigher contracted Aimhigher South Yorkshire to provide a UCAS data management service at Regional, Area and District levels.

8.1.2 UCAS data, at individual applicant level, was first purchased, under licence, in January 2005 covering the 2000 to 2004 UCAS admissions cycles and subsequently purchased on an annual basis up to and including admissions in 2007. The data sets included all applicants domiciled in the region.

8.1.3 Under the licence agreement, data at individual applicant level cannot be released to a third party so the data was aggregated at Regional, Area and District levels and made available to Area and District Aimhigher Co-ordinators. In addition, Annual Summary Reports were prepared for Aimhigher: Yorkshire & Humber, covering 2000-05, 2001-2006 and 2002-2007. Requests for copies of these reports should be directed to the Director of Aimhigher South Yorkshire in the first instance.

8.1.4 The raw data sets included geographical location and institutional identifiers, personal details, applicant regional HEI location and subject choices and acceptance by Region, Subject, Russell Group HEI and Tariff. All

fields were not utilised in the aggregated data sets but the raw data has been archived such that more detailed aggregation can be undertaken, if required.

8.1.5 A selection of the regional aggregated data sets are included in Appendix 13.4.1 and regional changes in UCAS total applicants and accepts and by gender over the period 2000-07 compared with national changes are identified in Section 10.1.

## **8.2 Areas**

8.2.1 Aggregated data sets for the four areas in the region, Humber, North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire were produced which has allowed trend analysis in South Yorkshire to be compared with the other three areas.

8.2.3 As might be expected there are some interesting variations particularly reflecting social differences in gender, ethnicity and socio economic background and consequent HE progression through levels of aspiration and attainment.

## **8.3 Districts**

8.3.1 The Yorkshire and Humber main data set contains HE progression data for all fifteen Districts in the region. Abstracts of data for all these Districts has been included in the reports referred to in Section 8.1.3.

8.3.2 The data for South Yorkshire, at District level, can be found in Appendix 13.5.3. In addition more detailed analysis has been undertaken on specific local issues for Doncaster, Rotherham and the University of Sheffield.

## **9 Attainment**

### **9.1 KS3 Data – Appendix 13.2**

9.1.1 Although relatively little Aimhigher activity has been targeted at pupils up to and including KS3 (Y9) it is interesting to see the changes in attainment at KS3 in English, Mathematics and Science.

9.1.2 Appendix 13.2 contains KS3 data for South Yorkshire and the four Local Authorities with comparative data for England where relevant. Table 13.2A shows the number of eligible pupils, Tables 13.2B-13.2D the percentage achieving L5+ in English, Mathematics and Science and Table 13.2E the Average Point Score per pupil.

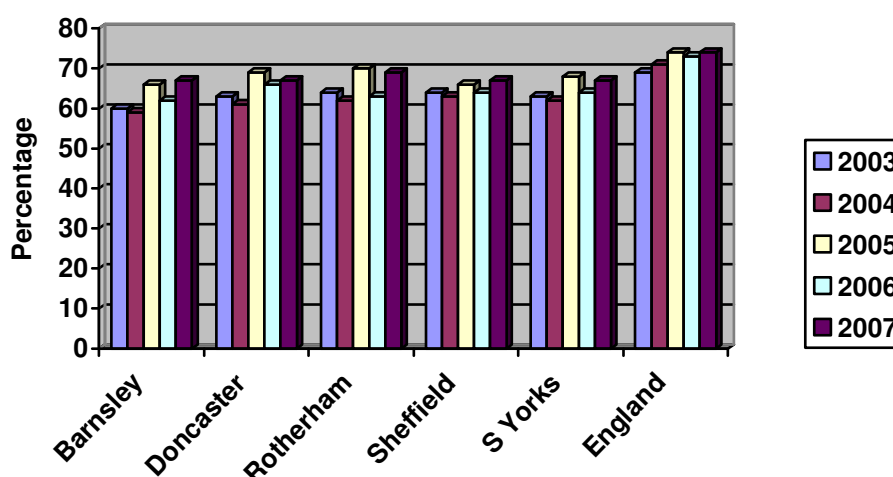
9.1.3 From Table 13.2 A the number of eligible pupils in South Yorkshire has remained relatively static peaking at 16,013 in 2004 compared with a low of 15,550 in 2003.

9.1.4 Although the results in all three subjects, for each Local Authority and South Yorkshire as a whole, are consistently below the England average the

increases in attainment have matched the England average increases. For the percentage of pupils achieving L5+ Barnsley has achieved the greatest increase in all three subjects, up by 7% in English and 10% in Mathematics and Science. The largest difference between the South Yorkshire and English averages is in English (7%) and least in Science (4%). For the four Local Authorities Sheffield has the lowest increases in attainment (3% in all three subjects)

9.1.5 The increases referred to above reflect differences between 2003 and 2007. There are year on year fluctuations and these are illustrated for the percentage of pupils achieving L5+ in English in Chart 9A with similar fluctuations occurring in Mathematics and Science.

**Chart 9A KS3 - Percentage of Pupils achieving L5+ in English 2003-07**



9.1.6 Table 13.2E lists the average Point Score per pupil and again the largest increase from 2003 to 2007 is in Barnsley up by 1 point compared with 0.1 for Sheffield.

9.1.7 Whilst no separate data is available for pupils who meet the widening participation criteria the data suggests that working to improve attainment at KS3 is likely to have a positive impact on GCSE performance and consequent progression into post 16 education and beyond.

## **9.2 GCSE Data – Appendix 13.3**

9.2.1 In section 3.3.2 reference was made to the increase in the percentage of pupils achieving 5 GCSE A\*-C as being an indicator which could reflect the impact of Aimhigher. Table 13.3A shows the number of Y11 pupils on roll and Table 13.3B the percentage of Y11 pupils achieving 5 GCSE A\*-C from 2000-2007. The GCSE Average Pupil Scores from 2004-2007 are given in Table 13.3C. A new scoring system was introduced in 2004 so earlier years data is not compatible. By including data from 2000-2002 it is possible to

detect if there are any significant longer term changes since the inception of Aimhigher

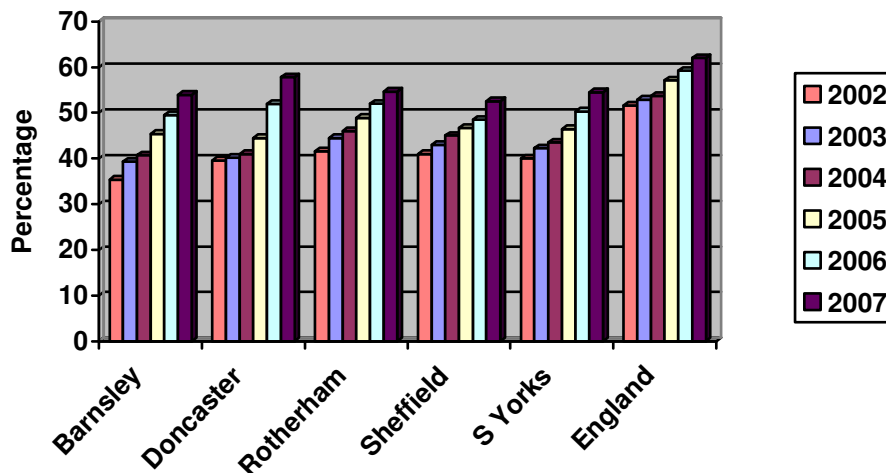
9.2.2 Although the number of Y11 pupils on roll increased significantly from 2000 to 2003, up from 14,409 to 15,614 an increase of 1,205, the increase from 2003 to 2007 was only 540.

9.2.3 From Table 13.3B it can be seen that from 2000 to 2002 the England Average percentage of pupils achieving 5 GCSE A\*-C increased by 2.4 percentage points whilst the South Yorkshire Average increased by 2.0 with a 10.2 percentage points difference between the two in 2000 increasing to 11.6 in 2002.

9.2.4 Since the inception of Aimhigher in 2003 the four Local Authorities, and hence South Yorkshire, have improved significantly compared with the England Average. From 2002 to 2007 the South Yorkshire Average increased by 14.5 percentage points compared with only 10.4 for the England Average. The difference of 11.6 percentage points in 2002 was reduced to 7.5 by 2007.

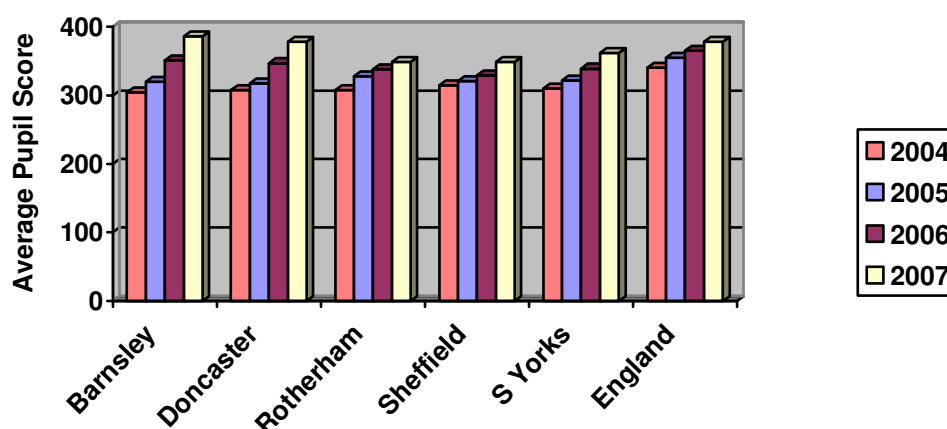
9.2.5 Chart 9B shows the year on year variations from 2002 to 2007 which clearly shows the significant improvements in Barnsley, up by 18.5 percentage points, and Doncaster, up by 18.2 compared with the South Yorkshire Average, up by 14.5, and England, up by 10.4.

**Chart 9B GCSE - Percentage of Pupils achieving 5 GCSE A\*-C 2002-07**



9.2.6 Chart 9C shows the year on year variations from 2004 to 2007 of the Average GCSE Pupil Score. In 2004 the England Average was 30.7 higher than the South Yorkshire Average but this had been reduced to 16.3 by 2007. For Barnsley the Average Pupil Score had increased by 81.3 from 2004 to 2007 and 70.7 for Doncaster compared with a South Yorkshire increase of 52.2 and 37.8 for England.

Chart 9C GCSE Average Pupil Score 2004-07



### 9.3 Post 16 Data – Appendix 13.4

9.3 Tables 13.4A and 13.4B show the number of 16-18 year old pupils on roll from 2002 to 2007 and number of examination entries. Whilst the number of 16-18 year olds on roll has not increased significantly from 2002-2007, 1.9%, the number of examination entries has increased by 47.1%.

9.4 Although no definitive data on post 16 staying on rates was available the number of examination entries from Table 13.4B expressed as a percentage of the number of Y11 on roll two years earlier from Table 13.3A can be used as an index. In 2002 this index was 30.3% and in 2007 had risen to 41.9%

9.5 Tables 13.4C and 13.4D show the Average Points Scores per Pupil and Average Points Scores per Examination Entry.

9.6 With a new scoring system being introduced in 2006 the Average Point Score per Pupil and Average Point Score per Examination Entry data is not consistent from 2000-2007 and comparisons can only be made between 2000-2005 and 2006-07. Whilst all four Local Authorities show year on year improvements Barnsley, in particular, shows an increase in Average Point Score per Pupil of 45 from 2002-2007 compared with a South Yorkshire increase of 22.1 and 22.9 for England.

## 10 HE Progression

### 10.1 Regional UCAS Data – Appendix 13.5.1

10.1.1 Tables 13.5.1A to 13.5.1C show the number of applicants and accepts by gender with relevant percentage changes and percentages from 2002 to 2007. Tables 13.5.1D to 13.5.1E show the same data but categorised by widening participation criteria instead of gender.

10.1.2 The data in Table 13.5.1B shows that over the 2002-07 period the total number of applicants nationally increased in 2007 by 14.6% compared with 2002 and 16.2% from the Yorkshire and Humber Region. The equivalent data for accepts was 17.1% nationally and 13.2% regionally thus indicating that applicants from the region are less successful in being accepted than nationally.

10.1.3 The percentage increase in female applicants over the same period was 19.5% nationally and 23.2% regionally and for males 9.0% nationally and 8.4% regionally. By 2007 female applicants accounted for 55.7% of all applicants and 55.1% of all accepts with the equivalent regional figures marginally higher at 56.2% for applicants and 55.3% for accepts.

10.1.4 Tables 13.5.1D to 13.5.1F show the numbers and percentages of applicants and accepts by widening participation categories. Consideration of the changes in the Widening Participation cohorts is problematic because of the large and increasing number of “unknowns” year on year. Compared with 2002 the number of unknowns nationally had increased by 59.6% for applicants and 71.5% for accepts with 57.3% and 52.4% being the equivalent regional data.

## 10.2 Areas UCAS Data – Appendix 13.5.2

10.2.1 Tables 13.5.2A-13.5.2C show the number of applicants and accepts by area and gender, the percentage changes from 2002 and the percentage by area and gender of all applicants and accepts.

10.2.2 Table 13.5.2C shows that there were only marginal year on year variations on the percentages from each area both for all applicants and accepts and by gender. In 2007 22.5% of all applicants were from South Yorkshire with the largest percentage from West Yorkshire, 43.8%. Chart 10A shows the area percentages for all applicants in 2007. The equivalent percentages for all accepts were 22.2% and 43.4%

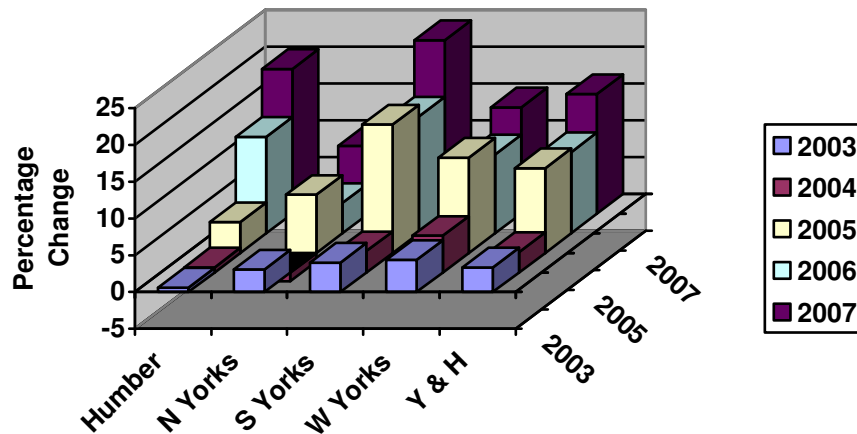
**Table 10A Percentage of Applicants 2007 by Area**



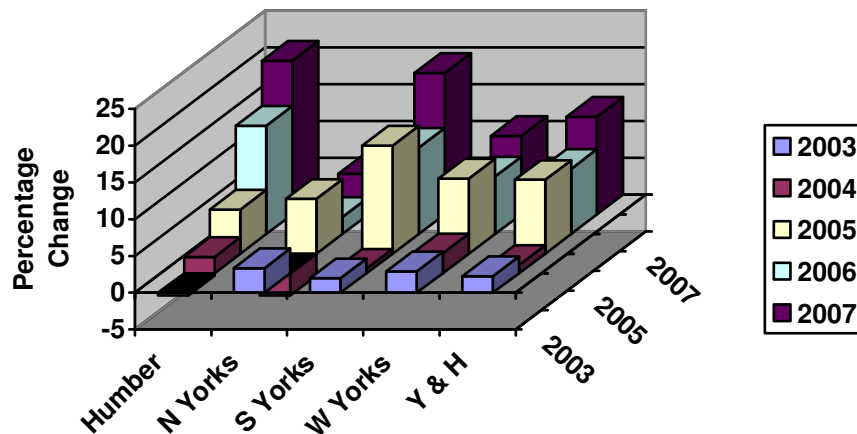
10.2.3 The percentage changes from 2002 by area and gender are detailed in Table 13.5.2B. From 2002 to 2007 for the four areas the largest percentage increase of 23.5% was from South Yorkshire comprising of a 30.2% increase

in female applicants and 15.9% in male applicants. Charts 10B and 10C show the percentage changes from 2002 of all areas for all applicants and accepts.

**Chart 10B Percentage Changes in All Applicants compared with 2002**



**Chart 10C Percentage Changes in All Accepts compared with 2002**



10.2.4 Tables 13.5.2D to 13.5.2F show the number of applicants and accepts, percentage changes from 2002 and percentage in each area by widening participation cohorts. As mentioned in section 10.1.4 interpretation of this data is problematic because of the large percentage of “unknowns”. The percentage increases in 2007 compared with 2002 of “unknowns” was 76.0% in South Yorkshire with even the lowest being 46.3% in West Yorkshire.

10.2.5 Despite these limitations between 2002 and 2007 the widening participation cohort applicants increased by 17.4% compared with 6,4% for

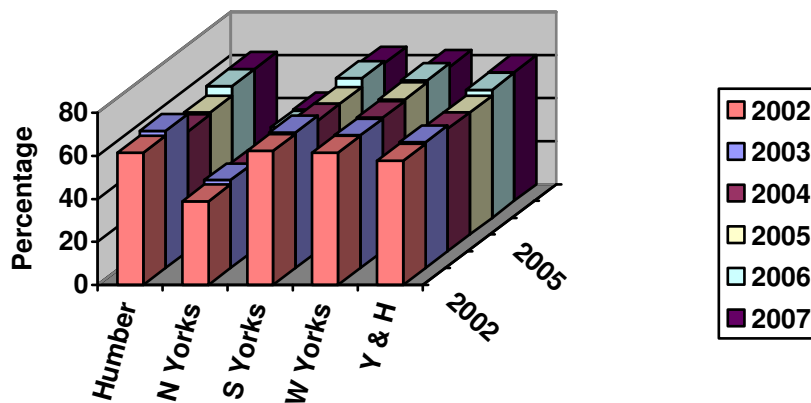
the non widening participation cohort with equivalent figures of 13.9% and 4.6% for accepts. In addition South Yorkshire saw the largest percentage increase in applicants from the widening participation cohort out of the four areas even though it experienced the highest percentage increase in “unknowns”.

10.2.6 Table 13.5.2G shows the number and percentage of accepts by tariff range and area. The largest changes from 2002 to 2007 are the increased percentages of the number of accepts in the 0-79 Tariff with a significant increase in 2006 and further increase in 2007. For South Yorkshire the percentage in the 0-79 tariff range increased from 28.4% in 2002 to 41.2% in 2007. There were marginal year on year variations in the other tariff bands.

10.2.7 Tables 13.5.2H shows the number of accepts to HEIs in the region from students domiciled in the region. In South Yorkshire the number of such accepts increased by 22.2% compared with 19.1% for all accepts into HEIs.

10.2.8 From Chart 10D it can be seen that South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire follow similar patterns with 64.0% and 63.9% accepted to HEIs in Yorkshire and Humber in 2007 compared with 42.5% for North Yorkshire.

**Chart 10D Accepts into HEIs in Yorkshire & Humber as percentage of all Accepts domiciled in each Area and the Region 2002-2007**



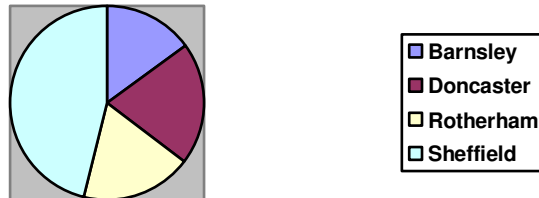
### 10.3 South Yorkshire Area and Districts UCAS Data – Appendix 13.5.3

10.3.1 Tables 13.5.3A-13.5.3C show the number of applicants and accepts by district and gender, the percentage changes from 2002 and the percentage by district and gender of all applicants and accepts.

10.3.2 Table 13.5.3C shows that there were only marginal year on year variations on the percentages from each district both for all applicants and accepts and by gender. In 2007 46.1% of all applicants were from Sheffield

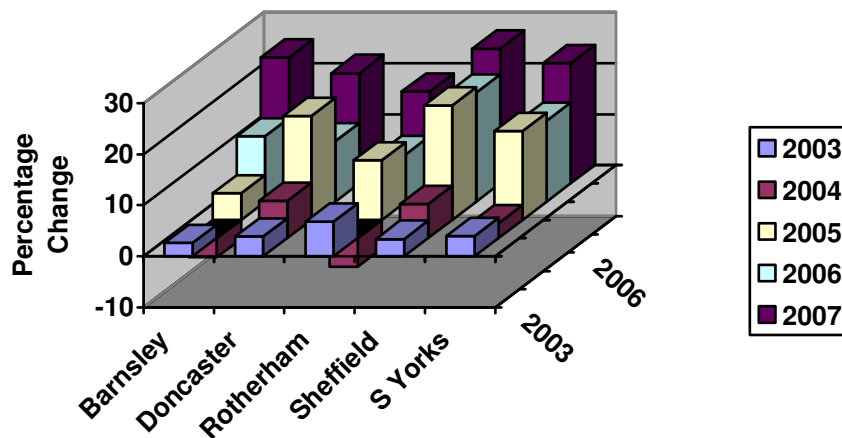
Chart 10E shows the district percentages for all applicants in 2007. The percentage for all accepts from Sheffield was 46.2%.

**Table 10E Percentage of Applicants 2007 by District**



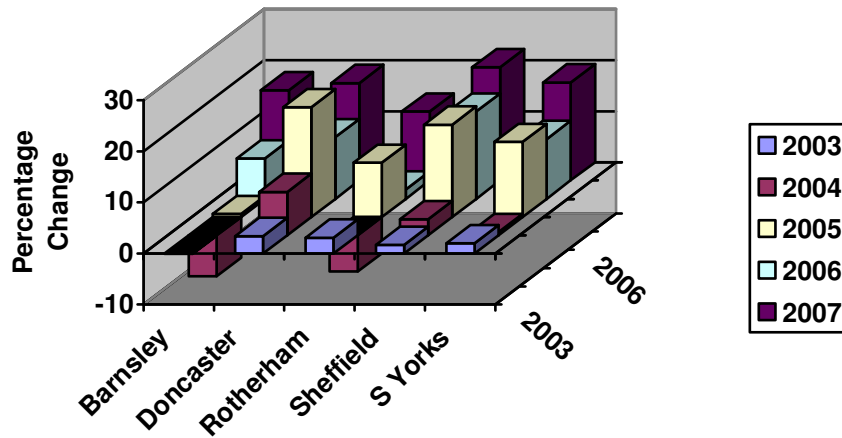
10.3.3 The percentage changes from 2002 by district and gender are detailed in Table 13.5.3B. From 2002 to 2007 for the four districts the largest percentage increase of 26.4% was from Sheffield comprising of a 34.3% increase in female applicants and 18.0% in male applicants. Charts 10F and 10G show the percentage changes from 2002 of all districts for all applicants and accepts.

**Chart 10F Percentage Changes in All Applicants compared with 2002**



10.3.4 In section 10.1.3 the gender issue was highlighted with 55.7% of applicants nationally and 56.2% regionally being female in 2007. In South Yorkshire the comparable figures in 2007 were 57.4% for Barnsley, 57.8% for Doncaster, 56.3% for Rotherham and 54.35 for Sheffield. In terms of increases the proportion of female applicants from Doncaster has increased from 52.9% in 2002 to 57.8% in 2007

**Chart 10G Percentage Changes in All Accepts compared with 2002**



10.3.5 Tables 13.5.3D to 13.5.3F show the number of applicants and accepts, percentage changes from 2002 and percentage in each area by widening participation cohorts. As mentioned in section 10.1.4 interpretation of this data is problematic because of the large percentage of “unknowns”. The percentage increases in 2007 compared with 2002 of “unknowns” was 76.0% in South Yorkshire with even the lowest being 74.8% in Sheffield.

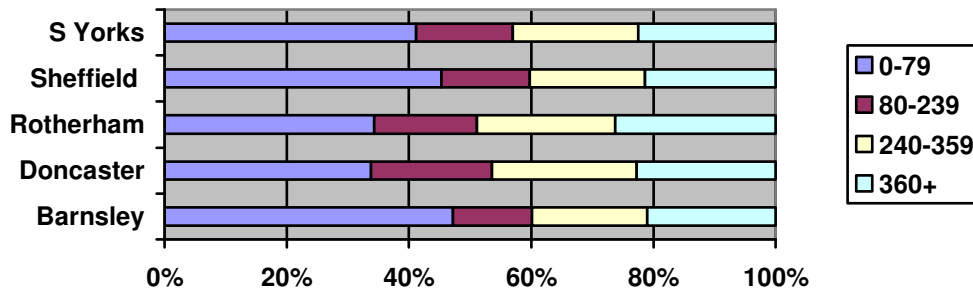
10.3.6 Despite these limitations between 2002 and 2007 the widening participation cohort applicants increased by 17.4% compared with 6.4% for the non widening participation cohort with equivalent figures of 13.9% and 4.6% for accepts. In addition Doncaster saw the largest percentage increase in applicants from the widening participation cohort (24.0%) out of the four districts.

10.3.7 Tables 13.5.3H to 13.5.3J show the applicants and accepts, percentage changes and percentages within each district by Ethnicity categories of BME, White and Unknown. In South Yorkshire, as a whole, the proportion of BME applicants was 13.8% in 2007 compared with 8.8% in 2002 with accepts equivalents of 13.3% and 7.9%. By far the largest number of BME applicants were from Sheffield, up from 546 in 2002 to 1,059 in 2007, an increase of 87.1% compared with only a 16.3% increase in white applicants.

10.3.8 The other three districts have experienced even larger percentage increases but with much lower numbers.

10.3.9 Table 13.5.3J shows the number and percentage of accepts by Tariff Range and District. In all districts the numbers in the 0-79 tariff range have increased the most with the proportion in Barnsley up from 34.0% in 2002 to 47.2% in 2007. The largest increase in the 360+ tariff range was in Rotherham up from 22.8% in 2002, peaking at 29.5% in 2005 and still at 26.3% in 2007.

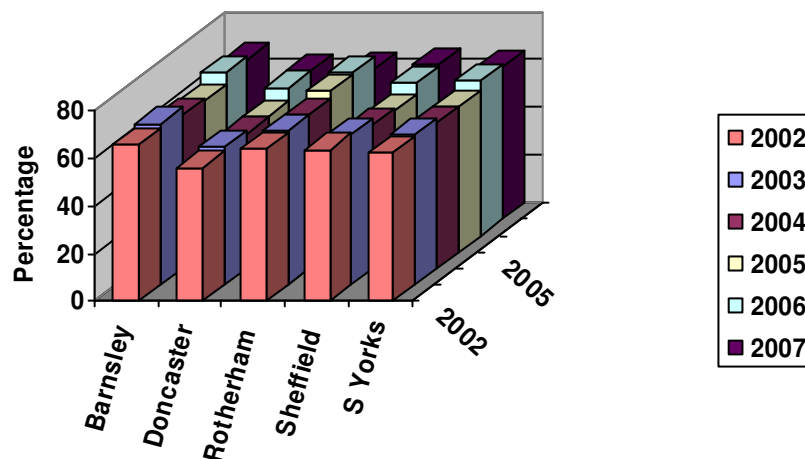
**Chart 10H Percentage in each Tariff Range in 2007 for each District**



10.3.8 Chart 10H shows the percentage in each tariff range for the four districts and South Yorkshire in 2007. From this it can be seen that Barnsley and Sheffield follow similar with over 45% from the 0-79 tariff range compared with under 35% for Doncaster and Rotherham

10.3.9 Table 13.5.3K shows the number of accepts to HEIs in Yorkshire and Humber and all accepts domiciled in South Yorkshire by District and Table 13.5.3L these numbers expressed as percentages. The year on year variations are shown in Chart10I from which it can be seen that from 2002 to 2005 Doncaster was significantly less than the other three districts with Barnsley and Rotherham the highest.

**Chart 10I Accepts into HEIs in Yorkshire & Humber as percentage of all Accepts domiciled in each District and the Region 2002-2007**



10.3.10 Table 13.5.3M and 13.5.3N show the number and percentage of accepts into Russell Group HEIs by district. There were marginal year on year variations with lowest six year average of 15.4% being from Barnsley to the highest of 24.9% from Sheffield.

## 11 Conclusions

11.1 With significant levels of funding invested in the widening participation agenda it was important that Aimhigher South Yorkshire developed and addressed clear strategies with specific aims and objectives over the two funding periods covered by this report. Through a wide consultation with stakeholders this was achieved.

11.2 The management structures which were established allowed for considerations of financial equity, rigorous monitoring and evaluation of Area funded projects and ongoing support to both District Aimhigher Co-ordinators and Fund Managers in other agencies.

11.3 Having identified the barriers to progression into HE and the appropriate widening participation cohort to target a comprehensive programme of Area funded and individual school and college based initiatives was initiated designed to raise aspirations, awareness and attainment and increase the number of applicants from under represented groups.

11.4 There is evidence that the main outcomes demonstrated significant progress in widening participation. In terms of raising aspirations and awareness evidence is mainly anecdotal and identified through the monitoring and evaluation reports.

11.5 There is no doubt that the focus on vocational learners and information, advice and guidance strands achieved a great deal in creating awareness and opportunities for progression into HE

11.6 Although the widening participation cohort cannot be identified separately, KS3, GCSE and Post 16 attainment data shows an overall improvement in all Districts with a significant increase in the number of students progressing into post 16 education.

11.7 The number of applicants and accepts into HE has increased with some evidence (limited by a lack of hard data) that the increase from the Aimhigher cohorts is higher than the non Aimhigher.

11.8 A comprehensive CPD programme has engaged widely with staff in HEIs, schools, colleges and careers companies to disseminate and share good practice and generate new ideas to enhance the widening participation agenda

11.9 Overall Aimhigher South Yorkshire has been very successful in achieving its objectives and has created a solid foundation on which to move forward.

## **12 The Way Forward**

12.1 Although this report is reviewing Aimhigher initiatives and outcomes for the 2003-2008 funding periods additional funding for 2008-2011 has been

made available. Aimhigher South Yorkshire has developed a strategic plan which builds on the successes of the earlier funding periods.

12.2 With funding of £9,537,000 for the three years 2008-2011 (a reduction in relative terms of 17.8% ) the new Area Planning Committee has utilised the availability of postcode, index of multiple deprivation (IMD) and polar data to identify the percentage of Aimhigher learners in each district and allocate funds accordingly.

12.3 Aimhigher participants will benefit from a new Learner Progression Framework and continuation of many of the successful projects referred to in this report. In particular, 10% of funds in each district have been ring fenced to support enhanced IAG programmes.

12.4 Separately funded Healthcare and HE Summer school strands will also be available to Aimhigher students in South Yorkshire.

12.5 A particular feature of the programme is a more robust monitoring and evaluation strategy utilising the clearer identification and tracking of the Aimhigher cohort using IMD and Polar data to measure impact and outcomes.

## 13 Appendices

### 13.1 Funding

#### Appendix 13.1 Funding: Aimhigher: South Yorkshire 2001-2008

	2001-03		2003-06		2006-08	
	£	%	£	%	£	%
Barnsley	0	0	1,441,479	10.2%	826,655	10.7%
Doncaster	0	0	2,088,402	14.9%	1,200,064	15.5%
Rotherham	912,000	40%	2,736,000	19.5%	1,494,356	19.3%
Sheffield	1,352,000	60%	4,056,000	28.9%	2,216,476	28.7%
Area	0	0	3,720,141	26.5%	1,995,833	25.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,264,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>14,042,022</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>7,733,384</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Appendix****13.2**

KS3 Data for England, South Yorks and four Local Authorities 2003-07

Table 13.2A Number of Eligible Pupils

Local Authority	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Barnsley	2,510	2,660	2,780	2,766	2,665
Doncaster	3,747	3,872	3,634	3,820	3,671
Rotherham	3,598	3,760	3,726	3,837	3,661
Sheffield	5,695	5,721	5,853	5,349	5,700
South Yorkshire	15,550	16,013	15,993	15,772	15,697

Table 13.2B Percentage of Pupils achieving L5+ in English

Local Authority	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Barnsley	60	59	66	62	67
Doncaster	63	61	69	66	67
Rotherham	64	62	70	63	69
Sheffield	64	63	66	64	67
South Yorkshire	63	62	68	64	67
England	69	71	74	73	74

Table 13.2C Percentage of Pupils achieving L5+ in Mathematics

Local Authority	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Barnsley	60	63	67	69	70
Doncaster	66	68	70	72	71
Rotherham	66	69	71	73	72
Sheffield	66	68	69	71	69
South Yorkshire	65	67	69	71	70
England	71	73	74	77	76

Table 13.2D Percentage of Pupils achieving L5+ in Science

Local Authority	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Barnsley	58	56	63	65	68
Doncaster	64	61	66	68	70
Rotherham	63	62	65	67	70
Sheffield	64	60	64	66	67
South Yorkshire	63	60	65	67	69
England	68	68	70	72	73

Table 13.2E Average Point Score per Pupil

Local Authority	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Barnsley	32.4	32	32.6	33	33.4
Doncaster	33.4	33.1	33.5	33.9	33.8
Rotherham	33.3	32.8	33.4	33.7	34.1
Sheffield	33.5	33	33.5	33.9	33.6
South Yorkshire	33.3	32.8	33.3	33.7	33.7
England	34.3	34.1	34.5	35	34.9

**Appendix  
13.3**

GCSE Data for England, South Yorkshire and four Local Authorities  
2000-07

Table 13.3A Number of Y11 Pupils on roll

Local Authority	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Barnsley	2,440	2,385	2,520	2,576	2,576	2,480	2,532	2,703
Doncaster	3,518	3,601	3,701	3,729	3,715	3,503	3,781	3,784
Rotherham	3,304	3,538	3,542	3,597	3,508	3,560	3,729	3,708
Sheffield	5,147	5,339	5,637	5,712	5,917	5,827	5,444	5,959
South Yorkshire	14,409	14,863	15,400	15,614	15,716	15,370	15,486	16,154

Table 13.3B Percentage of Y11 Pupils achieving 5 GCSE A\*-C

Local Authority	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Barnsley	34.9	35.1	35.4	39.3	40.7	45.4	49.5	53.9
Doncaster	36.8	39.9	39.6	40.2	41	44.5	51.9	57.8
Rotherham	41.1	43.1	41.6	44.5	46	48.9	52	54.6
Sheffield	41	42	41	43	45	46.7	48.5	52.5
South Yorkshire	39.0	40.6	40.0	42.2	43.5	46.5	50.3	54.5
England	49.2	50	51.6	52.9	53.7	57.1	59.2	62

Table 13.3C GCSE Average Pupil Score

Local Authority	2004*	2005	2006	2007
Barnsley	304.8	320.3	351	386.1
Doncaster	307.7	317.4	346.8	378.4
Rotherham	307.9	328	337.8	348.5
Sheffield	314.5	320.7	329.5	348.6
South Yorkshire	309.7	321.6	339.1	361.9
England	340.4	355.1	365	378.2

\* New scoring system introduced in 2004 - Earlier years not compatible

**Appendix 13.4** Post 16 Data for England, South Yorkshire and four Local Authorities  
2000-07

Table 13.4A Number of 16-18 year old Pupils on roll

Local Authority	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Barnsley	3,740	3,462	3,459	3,549	3,599	3,477
Doncaster	5,474	5,104	5,219	5,028	5,646	5,535
Rotherham	6,393	5,926	5,814	6,382	6,243	6,373
Sheffield	8,544	8,315	8,503	8,559	8,829	9,231
South Yorkshire	24,151	22,807	22,995	23,518	24,317	24,616

Table 13.4B Number of Entries

Local Authority	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Barnsley	781	717	541	514	823	821
Doncaster	1,058	1,071	1,164	1,058	1,241	1,334
Rotherham	597	623	585	652	909	1,634
Sheffield	1,942	2,046	2,055	2,125	2,417	2,650
South Yorkshire	4,378	4,457	4,345	4,349	5,390	6,439

Table 13.4C Average Point Score per Pupil

Local Authority	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006*	2007
Barnsley	197.9	197.9	240.1	242.9	664.7	665.4
Doncaster	244	249.4	244.9	245.9	677.3	679
Rotherham	237.9	248	265.3	268.7	689.2	716.1
Sheffield	233.3	234.8	249	252.8	685.1	684.3
South Yorkshire	230.2	234.2	249.0	252.3	680.9	688.9
England Average	254.7	258.9	269.2	277.8	721.5	689

Table 13.4D Average Point Score per Examination Entry

Local Authority	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006*	2007
Barnsley	69.3	69.2	72.5	68.8	200.5	199.2
Doncaster	69.3	70.9	68.9	69.1	187.9	189.8
Rotherham	70.1	70	72.3	73.5	191.1	194.4
Sheffield	74.7	75.9	77.6	78.8	207.7	207
South Yorkshire	71.4	72.2	73.5	73.8	197.8	198.8
England Average	76	77.4	78.7	79.9	206.2	198.8

\* New scoring system introduced in 2006 - Earlier years not compatible

## Appendix 13.5 Regional

### Appendix 13.5.1: National and Region Comparative Data

**Table 13.5.1A:** Number of Applicants and Accepts from England and Yorkshire & Humber  
2002-2007 by Gender

		Applicants						Accepts					
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	Female	177,015	182,238	186,455	203,547	198,445	211,616	138,072	141,949	145,543	159,354	154,443	165,358
	Male	154,587	155,355	153,512	165,254	159,622	168,461	118,284	119,722	120,408	132,916	127,460	134,907
	Total	331,602	337,593	339,967	368,801	358,067	380,007	256,356	261,671	265,951	292,270	281,903	300,265
Y&H	Female	15,572	16,292	16,602	18,213	18,194	19,181	13,080	13,536	13,637	14,971	14,834	15,521
	Male	13,786	14,074	13,567	14,525	14,391	14,942	11,713	11,816	11,434	12,294	12,135	12,542
	Total	29,358	30,366	30,169	32,738	32,585	34,123	24,793	25,352	25,071	27,265	26,969	28,063

Note: Widening Participation (WP) Cohort - UCAS Socio Economic Background Categories 4 to 7

**Table 13.5.1B:** Percentage change in the number of Applicants and Accepts from England and Yorkshire & Humber

		Applicants					Accepts				
		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	Female	3.0%	5.3%	15.0%	12.1%	19.5%	2.8%	5.4%	15.4%	11.9%	19.8%
	Male	0.5%	-0.7%	6.9%	3.3%	9.0%	1.2%	1.8%	12.4%	7.8%	14.1%
	Total	1.8%	2.5%	11.2%	8.0%	14.6%	2.1%	3.6%	14.0%	10.0%	17.1%
Y&H	Female	4.6%	6.6%	17.0%	16.8%	23.2%	3.5%	4.3%	14.5%	13.4%	18.7%
	Male	2.1%	-1.6%	5.4%	4.4%	8.4%	0.9%	-2.4%	5.0%	3.6%	7.1%
	Total	3.4%	2.8%	11.5%	11.0%	16.2%	2.3%	1.1%	10.0%	8.8%	13.2%

**Table 13.5.1C: Percentage of Female and Male Applicants and Accepts from England and Yorkshire & Humber  
2002-2007**

		Applicants						Accepts					
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	Female	53.4%	54.0%	54.8%	55.2%	55.4%	55.7%	53.9%	54.2%	54.8%	54.5%	54.8%	55.1%
	Male	46.6%	46.0%	45.2%	44.8%	44.6%	44.3%	46.1%	45.8%	45.3%	45.5%	45.2%	44.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.1%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Y&H	Female	53.0%	53.7%	55.0%	55.6%	55.8%	56.2%	52.8%	53.4%	54.4%	54.9%	55.0%	55.3%
	Male	47.0%	46.3%	45.0%	44.4%	44.2%	43.8%	47.2%	46.6%	45.6%	45.1%	45.0%	44.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Table 13.5.1D Number of Applicants and Accepts for England and Yorkshire & Humber  
by Widening Participation cohort definition 2002-2007**

		Applicants						Accepts					
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	Non WP	184,731	183,172	185,558	190,269	175,804	185,916	149,811	148,005	150,907	155,927	143,715	152,541
	WP	83,258	84,439	84,993	91,382	85,067	92,655	61,979	63,564	64,798	70,393	65,889	71,304
	Unknown	63,613	69,982	69,416	87,150	97,196	101,506	44,566	50,102	50,246	65,950	72,299	76,420
	Total	331,602	337,593	339,967	368,801	358,067	380,007	256,356	261,671	265,951	292,270	281,903	300,265
Y&H	Non WP	15,254	15,554	15,758	16,374	15,157	15,738	13,159	13,240	13,384	13,922	12,850	13,270
	WP	8,220	8,369	8,248	9,055	8,448	9,132	6,744	6,872	6,670	7,423	6,920	7,340
	Unknown	5,884	6,443	6,163	7,309	8,980	9,253	4,890	5,240	5,017	5,920	7,199	7,453
	Total	29,358	30,366	30,169	32,738	32,585	34,123	24,793	25,352	25,071	27,265	26,969	28,063

**Table 13.5.1E:** Percentage change in the number of Applicants and Accepts for England and Yorkshire & Humber by Widening Participation cohort definition 2003-2007 compared with 2002

		Applicants					Accepts				
		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	Non WP	-0.8%	0.4%	3.0%	-4.8%	0.6%	-1.2%	0.7%	4.1%	-4.1%	1.8%
	WP	1.4%	2.1%	9.8%	2.2%	11.3%	2.6%	4.5%	13.6%	6.3%	15.0%
	Unknown	10.0%	9.1%	37.0%	52.8%	59.6%	12.4%	12.7%	48.0%	62.2%	71.5%
	Total	1.8%	2.5%	11.2%	8.0%	14.6%	2.1%	3.7%	14.0%	10.0%	17.1%
Y&H	Non WP	2.0%	3.3%	7.3%	-0.6%	3.2%	0.6%	1.7%	5.8%	-2.3%	0.8%
	WP	1.8%	0.3%	10.2%	2.8%	11.1%	1.9%	-1.1%	10.1%	2.6%	8.8%
	Unknown	9.5%	4.7%	24.2%	52.6%	57.3%	7.2%	2.6%	21.1%	47.2%	52.4%
	Total	3.4%	2.8%	11.5%	11.0%	16.2%	2.3%	1.1%	10.0%	8.8%	13.2%

**Table 13.5.1F:** Percentage of Applicants and Accepts for England and Yorkshire & Humber by Widening Participation cohort definition 2002-2007

		Applicants						Accepts					
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	Non WP	55.7%	54.3%	54.6%	51.6%	49.1%	48.9%	58.4%	56.6%	56.7%	53.4%	51.0%	50.8%
	WP	25.1%	25.0%	25.0%	24.8%	23.8%	24.4%	24.2%	24.3%	24.4%	24.1%	23.4%	23.7%
	Unknown	19.2%	20.7%	20.4%	23.6%	27.1%	26.7%	17.4%	19.1%	18.9%	22.5%	25.6%	25.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Y&H	Non WP	52.0%	51.2%	52.2%	50.0%	46.5%	46.1%	53.1%	52.2%	53.4%	51.1%	47.6%	47.3%
	WP	28.0%	27.6%	27.3%	27.7%	25.9%	26.8%	27.2%	27.1%	26.6%	27.2%	25.7%	26.2%
	Unknown	20.0%	21.2%	20.4%	22.3%	27.6%	27.1%	19.7%	20.7%	20.0%	21.7%	26.7%	26.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

## Appendix 13.5.2 Region and Areas Comparative Data

**Table 13.5.2A:** Number of Applicants and Accepts from Yorkshire & Humber  
2002-2007 by Area and Gender

		Applicants						Accepts					
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Female	Humber	2,607	2,698	2,759	2,840	3,105	3,240	2,195	2,233	2,352	2,440	2,654	2,736
	N Yorks	2,793	2,978	2,828	3,168	3,031	3,196	2,353	2,553	2,319	2,623	2,488	2,592
	S Yorks	3,286	3,478	3,469	4,018	4,042	4,279	2,759	2,848	2,856	3,280	3,243	3,406
	W Yorks	6,886	7,138	7,546	8,187	8,016	8,466	5,773	5,902	6,110	6,628	6,449	6,787
	Y&H	15,572	16,292	16,602	18,213	18,194	19,181	13,080	13,536	13,637	14,971	14,834	15,521
Male	Humber	2,212	2,148	2,096	2,179	2,346	2,524	1,888	1,836	1,820	1,889	2,028	2,196
	N Yorks	2,460	2,436	2,362	2,502	2,436	2,538	2,111	2,061	2,009	2,171	2,078	2,119
	S Yorks	2,920	2,978	2,916	3,266	3,144	3,385	2,478	2,496	2,410	2,728	2,606	2,835
	W Yorks	6,194	6,512	6,193	6,578	6,465	6,495	5,236	5,423	5,195	5,506	5,423	5,392
	Y&H	13,786	14,074	13,567	14,525	14,391	14,942	11,713	11,816	11,434	12,294	12,135	12,542
All	Humber	4,819	4,846	4,855	5,019	5,451	5,764	4,083	4,069	4,172	4,329	4,682	4,932
	N Yorks	5,253	5,414	5,190	5,670	5,467	5,734	4,464	4,614	4,328	4,794	4,566	4,711
	S Yorks	6,206	6,456	6,385	7,284	7,186	7,664	5,237	5,344	5,266	6,008	5,849	6,241
	W Yorks	13,080	13,650	13,739	14,765	14,481	14,961	11,009	11,325	11,305	12,134	11,872	12,179
	Y&H	29,358	30,366	30,169	32,738	32,585	34,123	24,793	25,352	25,071	27,265	26,969	28,063

**Table 13.5.2B:** Percentage of Applicants and Accepts from Yorkshire & Humber  
2003-2007 by Area and Gender as a percentage of 2002

		Applicants					Accepts				
		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Female	Humber	3.5%	5.8%	8.9%	19.1%	24.3%	1.7%	7.2%	11.2%	20.9%	24.6%
	N Yorks	6.6%	1.3%	13.4%	8.5%	14.4%	8.5%	-1.4%	11.5%	5.7%	10.2%
	S Yorks	5.8%	5.6%	22.3%	23.0%	30.2%	3.2%	3.5%	18.9%	17.5%	23.5%
	W Yorks	3.7%	9.6%	18.9%	16.4%	22.9%	2.2%	5.8%	14.8%	11.7%	17.6%
	Y&H	4.6%	6.6%	17.0%	16.8%	23.2%	3.5%	4.3%	14.5%	13.4%	18.7%
Male	Humber	-2.9%	-5.2%	-1.5%	6.1%	14.1%	-2.8%	-3.6%	0.1%	7.4%	16.3%
	N Yorks	-1.0%	-4.0%	1.7%	-1.0%	3.2%	-2.4%	-4.8%	2.8%	-1.6%	0.4%
	S Yorks	2.0%	-0.1%	11.8%	7.7%	15.9%	0.7%	-2.7%	10.1%	5.2%	14.4%
	W Yorks	5.1%	0.0%	6.2%	4.4%	4.9%	3.6%	-0.8%	5.2%	3.6%	3.0%
	Y&H	2.1%	-1.6%	5.4%	4.4%	8.4%	0.9%	-2.4%	5.0%	3.6%	7.1%
All	Humber	0.6%	0.7%	4.2%	13.1%	19.6%	-0.3%	2.2%	6.0%	14.7%	20.8%
	N Yorks	3.1%	-1.2%	7.9%	4.1%	9.2%	3.4%	-3.0%	7.4%	2.3%	5.5%
	S Yorks	4.0%	2.9%	17.4%	15.8%	23.5%	2.0%	0.6%	14.7%	11.7%	19.2%
	W Yorks	4.4%	5.0%	12.9%	10.7%	14.4%	2.9%	2.7%	10.2%	7.8%	10.6%
	Y&H	3.4%	2.8%	11.5%	11.0%	16.2%	2.3%	1.1%	10.0%	8.8%	13.2%

**Table 13.5.2C:** Percentage of Applicants and Accepts from Yorkshire & Humber 2002-2007 by Area and Gender as a percentage of all Applicants and Accepts from Yorkshire & Humber

		Applicants						Accepts					
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Female	Humber	16.7%	16.6%	16.6%	15.6%	17.1%	16.9%	16.8%	16.5%	17.2%	16.3%	17.9%	17.6%
	N Yorks	17.9%	18.3%	17.0%	17.4%	16.7%	16.7%	18.0%	18.9%	17.0%	17.5%	16.8%	16.7%
	S Yorks	21.1%	21.3%	20.9%	22.1%	22.2%	22.3%	21.1%	21.0%	20.9%	21.9%	21.9%	21.9%
	W Yorks	44.2%	43.8%	45.5%	45.0%	44.0%	44.1%	44.1%	43.6%	44.8%	44.3%	43.4%	43.7%
	Y&H	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Male	Humber	16.0%	15.3%	15.4%	15.0%	16.3%	16.9%	16.1%	15.5%	15.9%	15.4%	16.7%	17.5%
	N Yorks	17.8%	17.3%	17.4%	17.2%	16.9%	17.0%	18.0%	17.4%	17.6%	17.7%	17.1%	16.9%
	S Yorks	21.2%	21.2%	21.5%	22.5%	21.9%	22.7%	21.2%	21.1%	21.1%	22.2%	21.5%	22.6%
	W Yorks	44.9%	46.3%	45.6%	45.3%	44.9%	43.5%	44.7%	45.9%	45.4%	44.7%	44.7%	43.0%
	Y&H	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
All	Humber	16.4%	16.0%	16.1%	15.3%	16.7%	16.9%	16.5%	16.1%	16.6%	15.9%	17.4%	17.6%
	N Yorks	17.9%	17.8%	17.2%	17.3%	16.8%	16.8%	18.0%	18.2%	17.3%	17.6%	16.9%	16.8%
	S Yorks	21.1%	21.3%	21.2%	22.2%	22.1%	22.5%	21.1%	21.1%	21.0%	22.0%	21.7%	22.2%
	W Yorks	44.6%	45.0%	45.5%	45.1%	44.4%	43.8%	44.4%	44.7%	45.1%	44.5%	44.0%	43.4%
	Y&H	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Table 13.5.2D:** Number of Applicants and Accepts from Yorkshire & Humber 2002-2007 by Area and Widening Participation cohort definitions

		Applicants						Accepts					
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Humber	Non WP	2,357	2,300	2,408	2,340	2,386	2,426	2,050	1,980	2,111	2,040	2,075	2,075
	WP	1,450	1,450	1,469	1,608	1,568	1,652	1,195	1,202	1,225	1,370	1,342	1,397
	Unknown	1,012	1,096	978	1,071	1,497	1,686	838	887	836	919	1,265	1,460
	Total	4,819	4,846	4,855	5,019	5,451	5,764	4,083	4,069	4,172	4,329	4,682	4,932
N Yorks	Non WP	3,121	3,201	3,101	3,260	3,043	3,128	2,683	2,755	2,633	2,826	2,604	2,639
	WP	1,321	1,365	1,327	1,478	1,308	1,352	1,102	1,156	1,073	1,216	1,054	1,057
	Unknown	811	848	762	932	1,116	1,254	679	703	622	752	908	1,015
	Total	5,253	5,414	5,190	5,670	5,467	5,734	4,464	4,614	4,328	4,794	4,566	4,711
S Yorks	Non WP	3,225	3,240	3,319	3,730	3,252	3,432	2,785	2,740	2,818	3,152	2,706	2,912
	WP	1,731	1,807	1,732	1,963	1,823	2,032	1,413	1,457	1,399	1,611	1,475	1,610
	Unknown	1,250	1,409	1,334	1,591	2,111	2,200	1,039	1,147	1,049	1,245	1,668	1,719
	Total	6,206	6,456	6,385	7,284	7,186	7,664	5,237	5,344	5,266	6,008	5,849	6,241
W Yorks	Non WP	6,551	6,813	6,930	7,044	6,476	6,752	5,641	5,765	5,822	5,904	5,465	5,644
	WP	3,718	3,747	3,720	4,006	3,749	4,096	3,034	3,057	2,973	3,226	3,049	3,276
	Unknown	2,811	3,090	3,089	3,715	4,256	4,113	2,334	2,503	2,510	3,004	3,358	3,259
	Total	13,080	13,650	13,739	14,765	14,481	14,961	11,009	11,325	11,305	12,134	11,872	12,179
Y&H	Non WP	15,254	15,554	15,758	16,374	15,157	15,738	13,159	13,240	13,384	13,922	12,850	13,270
	WP	8,220	8,369	8,248	9,055	8,448	9,132	6,744	6,872	6,670	7,423	6,920	7,340
	Unknown	5,884	6,443	6,163	7,309	8,980	9,253	4,890	5,240	5,017	5,920	7,199	7,453
	Total	29,358	30,366	30,169	32,738	32,585	34,123	24,793	25,352	25,071	27,265	26,969	28,063

**Table 13.5.2E:** Percentage of Applicants and Accepts from Yorkshire & Humber 2003-2007 by Area and Widening Participation cohort definitions as a percentage of 2002

		Applicants					Accepts				
		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Humber	Non WP	-2.4%	2.2%	-0.7%	1.2%	2.9%	-3.4%	3.0%	-0.5%	1.2%	1.2%
	WP	0.0%	1.3%	10.9%	8.1%	13.9%	0.6%	2.5%	14.6%	12.3%	16.9%
	Unknown	8.3%	-3.4%	5.8%	47.9%	66.6%	5.8%	-0.2%	9.7%	51.0%	74.2%
	Total	0.6%	0.7%	4.2%	13.1%	19.6%	-0.3%	2.2%	6.0%	14.7%	20.8%
N Yorks	Non WP	2.6%	-0.6%	4.5%	-2.5%	0.2%	2.7%	-1.9%	5.3%	-2.9%	-1.6%
	WP	3.3%	0.5%	11.9%	-1.0%	2.3%	4.9%	-2.6%	10.3%	-4.4%	-4.1%
	Unknown	4.6%	-6.0%	14.9%	37.6%	54.6%	3.5%	-8.4%	10.8%	33.7%	49.5%
	Total	3.1%	-1.2%	7.9%	4.1%	9.2%	3.4%	-3.0%	7.4%	2.3%	5.5%
S Yorks	Non WP	0.5%	2.9%	15.7%	0.8%	6.4%	-1.6%	1.2%	13.2%	-2.8%	4.6%
	WP	4.4%	0.1%	13.4%	5.3%	17.4%	3.1%	-1.0%	14.0%	4.4%	13.9%
	Unknown	12.7%	6.7%	27.3%	68.9%	76.0%	10.4%	1.0%	19.8%	60.5%	65.4%
	Total	4.0%	2.9%	17.4%	15.8%	23.5%	2.0%	0.6%	14.7%	11.7%	19.2%
W Yorks	Non WP	4.0%	5.8%	7.5%	-1.1%	3.1%	2.2%	3.2%	4.7%	-3.1%	0.1%
	WP	0.8%	0.1%	7.7%	0.8%	10.2%	0.8%	-2.0%	6.3%	0.5%	8.0%
	Unknown	9.9%	9.9%	32.2%	51.4%	46.3%	7.2%	7.5%	28.7%	43.9%	39.6%
	Total	4.4%	5.0%	12.9%	10.7%	14.4%	2.9%	2.7%	10.2%	7.8%	10.6%
Y&H	Non WP	2.0%	3.3%	7.3%	-0.6%	3.2%	0.6%	1.7%	5.8%	-2.3%	0.8%
	WP	1.8%	0.3%	10.2%	2.8%	11.1%	1.9%	-1.1%	10.1%	2.6%	8.8%
	Unknown	9.5%	4.7%	24.2%	52.6%	57.3%	7.2%	2.6%	21.1%	47.2%	52.4%
	Total	3.4%	2.8%	11.5%	11.0%	16.2%	2.3%	1.1%	10.0%	8.8%	13.2%

**Table 13.5.2F: Percentage of Applicants and Accepts from Yorkshire & Humber**  
 2002-2007 by Area and Widening Participation cohort definitions

		Applicants						Accepts					
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Humber	Non WP	48.9%	47.5%	49.6%	46.6%	43.8%	42.1%	50.2%	48.7%	50.6%	47.2%	44.3%	42.1%
	WP	30.1%	29.9%	30.3%	32.0%	28.8%	28.7%	29.3%	29.5%	29.4%	31.6%	28.7%	28.3%
	Unknown	21.0%	22.6%	20.1%	21.4%	27.4%	29.3%	20.5%	21.8%	20.0%	21.2%	27.0%	29.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
N Yorks	Non WP	59.4%	59.1%	59.7%	57.5%	55.7%	54.6%	60.1%	59.7%	60.8%	58.9%	57.0%	56.0%
	WP	25.1%	25.2%	25.6%	26.1%	23.9%	23.6%	24.7%	25.1%	24.8%	25.4%	23.1%	22.4%
	Unknown	15.4%	15.7%	14.7%	16.4%	20.4%	21.9%	15.2%	15.2%	14.4%	15.7%	19.9%	21.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
S Yorks	Non WP	52.0%	50.2%	52.0%	51.2%	45.2%	44.8%	53.2%	51.3%	53.5%	52.5%	46.3%	46.7%
	WP	27.9%	28.0%	27.1%	26.9%	25.4%	26.5%	27.0%	27.3%	26.6%	26.8%	25.2%	25.8%
	Unknown	20.1%	21.8%	20.9%	21.9%	29.4%	28.7%	19.8%	21.5%	19.9%	20.7%	28.5%	27.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
W Yorks	Non WP	50.1%	49.9%	50.4%	47.7%	44.7%	45.1%	51.2%	50.9%	51.5%	48.7%	46.0%	46.3%
	WP	28.4%	27.5%	27.1%	27.1%	25.9%	27.4%	27.6%	27.0%	26.3%	26.6%	25.7%	26.9%
	Unknown	21.5%	22.6%	22.5%	25.2%	29.4%	27.5%	21.2%	22.1%	22.2%	24.7%	28.3%	26.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Y&H	Non WP	52.0%	51.2%	52.2%	50.0%	46.5%	46.1%	53.1%	52.2%	53.4%	51.1%	47.6%	47.3%
	WP	28.0%	27.6%	27.3%	27.7%	25.9%	26.8%	27.2%	27.1%	26.6%	27.2%	25.7%	26.2%
	Unknown	20.0%	21.2%	20.4%	22.3%	27.6%	27.1%	19.7%	20.7%	20.0%	21.7%	26.7%	26.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Table 13.5.2G:** Number and percentage of Accepts from Yorkshire & Humber and Areas  
2002-2007 by Tariff Range

	Tariff Range	Number of Accepts						Percentage					
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Humber	0-79	1,224	1,141	1,118	1,176	1,731	2,145	30.0%	28.0%	26.8%	27.2%	37.0%	43.5%
	80-239	918	929	833	788	711	688	22.5%	22.8%	20.0%	18.2%	15.2%	13.9%
	240-359	953	1,019	1,079	1,185	1,110	944	23.3%	25.0%	25.9%	27.5%	23.7%	19.1%
	360+	988	980	1,142	1,180	1,130	1,155	24.2%	24.1%	27.4%	27.3%	24.1%	23.4%
	Total	4,083	4,069	4,172	4,329	4,682	4,932	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
N Yorks	0-79	896	847	794	900	1,301	1,544	20.1%	18.4%	18.3%	18.7%	28.5%	32.8%
	80-239	906	923	769	856	582	544	20.3%	20.0%	17.8%	17.9%	12.7%	11.5%
	240-359	1,207	1,275	1,239	1,336	1,195	1,062	27.0%	27.6%	28.6%	27.9%	26.2%	22.5%
	360+	1,455	1,569	1,526	1,702	1,488	1,561	32.6%	34.0%	35.3%	35.5%	32.6%	33.1%
	Total	4,464	4,614	4,328	4,794	4,566	4,711	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
S Yorks	0-79	1,488	1,399	1,297	1,511	2,188	2,570	28.4%	26.2%	24.6%	25.1%	37.5%	41.2%
	80-239	1,348	1,325	1,205	1,354	962	986	25.7%	24.8%	22.9%	22.6%	16.4%	15.8%
	240-359	1,225	1,397	1,413	1,615	1,306	1,279	23.4%	26.1%	26.8%	26.9%	22.3%	20.5%
	360+	1,176	1,223	1,351	1,528	1,393	1,406	22.5%	22.9%	25.7%	25.4%	23.8%	22.5%
	Total	5,237	5,344	5,266	6,008	5,849	6,241	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
W Yorks	0-79	3,067	2,804	2,717	2,915	3,921	4,870	27.9%	24.8%	24.0%	24.0%	33.0%	40.0%
	80-239	2,829	2,890	2,697	2,826	2,204	1,892	25.7%	25.5%	23.9%	23.3%	18.6%	15.5%
	240-359	2,521	2,615	2,788	3,077	2,741	2,357	22.9%	23.1%	24.7%	25.4%	23.1%	19.4%
	360+	2,592	3,016	3,103	3,316	3,006	3,060	23.5%	26.6%	27.4%	27.3%	25.3%	25.1%
	Total	11,009	11,325	11,305	12,134	11,872	12,179	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Y&H	0-79	6,675	6,191	5,926	6,502	9,141	11,129	26.9%	24.4%	23.6%	23.8%	33.9%	39.7%
	80-239	6,001	6,067	5,504	5,824	4,459	4,110	24.2%	23.9%	22.0%	21.4%	16.5%	14.6%
	240-359	5,906	6,306	6,519	7,213	6,352	5,642	23.8%	24.9%	26.0%	26.5%	23.6%	20.1%
	360+	6,211	6,788	7,122	7,726	7,017	7,182	25.1%	26.8%	28.4%	28.3%	26.0%	25.6%
	Total	24,793	25,352	25,071	27,265	26,969	28,063	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Table 13.5.2H:** Number of Accepts to HEIs in Yorkshire & Humber and Accepts domiciled in Yorkshire & Humber 2002-2007 by Region and Areas

		Accepts					
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Y&H Region	Humber	2,512	2,601	2,327	2,458	2,868	3,025
	N Yorks	1,781	1,885	1,715	1,842	1,918	2,000
	S Yorks	3,270	3,370	3,202	3,649	3,797	3,997
	W Yorks	6,767	6,985	7,021	7,538	7,451	7,786
	Y&H	14,330	14,841	14,265	15,487	16,034	16,808
All Regions	Humber	4,083	4,069	4,172	4,329	4,682	4,932
	N Yorks	4,464	4,614	4,328	4,794	4,566	4,711
	S Yorks	5,237	5,344	5,266	6,008	5,849	6,241
	W Yorks	11,009	11,325	11,305	12,134	11,872	12,179
	Y&H	24,793	25,352	25,071	27,265	26,969	28,063

**Table 13.5.2I:** Percentage of Accepts to HEIs in Yorkshire & Humber as a percentage of all Accepts by Region and Areas domiciled in Yorkshire and Humber 2002-2007 by Region and Areas

	Accepts						6 Year Average
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
Humber	61.5%	63.9%	55.8%	56.8%	61.3%	61.3%	60.1%
N Yorks	39.9%	40.9%	39.6%	38.4%	42.0%	42.5%	40.5%
S Yorks	62.4%	63.1%	60.8%	60.7%	64.9%	64.0%	62.7%
W Yorks	61.5%	61.7%	62.1%	62.1%	62.8%	63.9%	62.4%
Y&H	57.8%	58.5%	56.9%	56.8%	59.5%	59.9%	58.3%

### Appendix 13.5.3: UCAS Data Area and Districts

**Table 13.5.3A:** Number of Applicants and Accepts from South Yorkshire  
2002-2007 by Area, District and Gender

		Applicants						Accepts					
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Female	Barnsley	514	531	479	534	616	655	429	426	388	424	491	508
	Doncaster	682	735	778	878	864	905	559	610	647	740	720	718
	Rotherham	663	671	639	797	729	802	571	552	544	664	568	642
	Sheffield	1,427	1,541	1,573	1,809	1,833	1,917	1,200	1,260	1,277	1,452	1,464	1,538
	S Yorks	3,286	3,478	3,469	4,018	4,042	4,279	2,759	2,848	2,856	3,280	3,243	3,406
Male	Barnsley	401	408	401	429	416	486	347	349	326	357	346	405
	Doncaster	606	603	604	672	577	661	511	496	514	560	479	556
	Rotherham	544	618	501	551	590	622	462	513	416	478	484	530
	Sheffield	1,369	1,349	1,410	1,614	1,561	1,616	1,158	1,138	1,154	1,333	1,297	1,344
	S Yorks	2,920	2,978	2,916	3,266	3,144	3,385	2,478	2,496	2,410	2,728	2,606	2,835
All	Barnsley	915	939	880	963	1,032	1,141	776	775	714	781	837	913
	Doncaster	1,288	1,338	1,382	1,550	1,441	1,566	1,070	1,106	1,161	1,300	1,199	1,274
	Rotherham	1,207	1,289	1,140	1,348	1,319	1,424	1,033	1,065	960	1,142	1,052	1,172
	Sheffield	2,796	2,890	2,983	3,423	3,394	3,533	2,358	2,398	2,431	2,785	2,761	2,882
	S Yorks	6,206	6,456	6,385	7,284	7,186	7,664	5,237	5,344	5,266	6,008	5,849	6,241

**Table 13.5.3B:** Percentage of Applicants and Accepts from South Yorkshire  
2003-2007 by Area, District and Gender as a percentage of 2002

		Applicants					Accepts				
		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Female	Barnsley	3.3%	-6.8%	3.9%	19.8%	27.4%	-0.7%	-9.6%	-1.2%	14.5%	18.4%
	Doncaster	7.8%	14.1%	28.7%	26.7%	32.7%	9.1%	15.7%	32.4%	28.8%	28.4%
	Rotherham	1.2%	-3.6%	20.2%	10.0%	21.0%	-3.3%	-4.7%	16.3%	-0.5%	12.4%
	Sheffield	8.0%	10.2%	26.8%	28.5%	34.3%	5.0%	6.4%	21.0%	22.0%	28.2%
	S Yorks	5.8%	5.6%	22.3%	23.0%	30.2%	3.2%	3.5%	18.9%	17.5%	23.5%
Male	Barnsley	1.7%	0.0%	7.0%	3.7%	21.2%	0.6%	-6.1%	2.9%	-0.3%	16.7%
	Doncaster	-0.5%	-0.3%	10.9%	-4.8%	9.1%	-2.9%	0.6%	9.6%	-6.3%	8.8%
	Rotherham	13.6%	-7.9%	1.3%	8.5%	14.3%	11.0%	-10.0%	3.5%	4.8%	14.7%
	Sheffield	-1.5%	3.0%	17.9%	14.0%	18.0%	-1.7%	-0.3%	15.1%	12.0%	16.1%
	S Yorks	2.0%	-0.1%	11.8%	7.7%	15.9%	0.7%	-2.7%	10.1%	5.2%	14.4%
All	Barnsley	2.6%	-3.8%	5.2%	12.8%	24.7%	-0.1%	-8.0%	0.6%	7.9%	17.7%
	Doncaster	3.9%	7.3%	20.3%	11.9%	21.6%	3.4%	8.5%	21.5%	12.1%	19.1%
	Rotherham	6.8%	-5.6%	11.7%	9.3%	18.0%	3.1%	-7.1%	10.6%	1.8%	13.5%
	Sheffield	3.4%	6.7%	22.4%	21.4%	26.4%	1.7%	3.1%	18.1%	17.1%	22.2%
	S Yorks	4.0%	2.9%	17.4%	15.8%	23.5%	2.0%	0.6%	14.7%	11.7%	19.2%

**Table 13.5.3C:** Percentage of Applicants and Accepts by Area, District and Gender as a percentage of all Applicants and Accepts from South Yorkshire 2002-2007

		Applicants						Accepts					
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Female	Barnsley	15.6%	15.3%	13.8%	13.3%	15.2%	15.3%	15.5%	15.0%	13.6%	12.9%	15.1%	14.9%
	Doncaster	20.8%	21.1%	22.4%	21.9%	21.4%	21.1%	20.3%	21.4%	22.7%	22.6%	22.2%	21.1%
	Rotherham	20.2%	19.3%	18.4%	19.8%	18.0%	18.7%	20.7%	19.4%	19.0%	20.2%	17.5%	18.8%
	Sheffield	43.4%	44.3%	45.3%	45.0%	45.3%	44.8%	43.5%	44.2%	44.7%	44.3%	45.1%	45.2%
	S Yorks	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Male	Barnsley	13.7%	13.7%	13.8%	13.1%	13.2%	14.4%	14.0%	14.0%	13.5%	13.1%	13.3%	14.3%
	Doncaster	20.8%	20.2%	20.7%	20.6%	18.4%	19.5%	20.6%	19.9%	21.3%	20.5%	18.4%	19.6%
	Rotherham	18.6%	20.8%	17.2%	16.9%	18.8%	18.4%	18.6%	20.6%	17.3%	17.5%	18.6%	18.7%
	Sheffield	46.9%	45.3%	48.4%	49.4%	49.7%	47.7%	46.7%	45.6%	47.9%	48.9%	49.8%	47.4%
	S Yorks	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
All	Barnsley	14.7%	14.5%	13.8%	13.2%	14.4%	14.9%	14.8%	14.5%	13.6%	13.0%	14.3%	14.6%
	Doncaster	20.8%	20.7%	21.6%	21.3%	20.1%	20.4%	20.4%	20.7%	22.0%	21.6%	20.5%	20.4%
	Rotherham	19.4%	20.0%	17.9%	18.5%	18.4%	18.6%	19.7%	19.9%	18.2%	19.0%	18.0%	18.8%
	Sheffield	45.1%	44.8%	46.7%	47.0%	47.2%	46.1%	45.0%	44.9%	46.2%	46.4%	47.2%	46.2%
	S Yorks	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Table 13.5.3D:** Number of Applicants and Accepts from South Yorkshire 2002-2007 by District and Widening Participation cohort definitions

		Applicants						Accepts					
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Barnsley	Non WP	441	426	459	446	465	460	373	358	389	366	378	383
	WP	298	296	262	289	283	360	246	231	199	232	229	273
	Unknown	176	217	159	228	284	321	157	186	126	183	230	257
	Total	915	939	880	963	1,032	1,141	776	775	714	781	837	913
Doncaster	Non WP	678	712	706	797	627	689	590	601	606	690	547	582
	WP	375	410	426	473	396	465	291	335	347	395	325	371
	Unknown	235	216	250	280	418	412	189	170	208	215	327	321
	Total	1,288	1,338	1,382	1,550	1,441	1,566	1,070	1,106	1,161	1,300	1,199	1,274
Rotherham	Non WP	610	632	573	685	563	633	528	535	495	589	460	552
	WP	382	393	340	426	409	415	323	315	283	360	327	336
	Unknown	215	264	227	237	347	376	182	215	182	193	265	284
	Total	1,207	1,289	1,140	1,348	1,319	1,424	1,033	1,065	960	1,142	1,052	1,172
Sheffield	Non WP	1,496	1,470	1,581	1,802	1,597	1,650	1,294	1,246	1,328	1,507	1,321	1,395
	WP	676	708	704	775	735	792	553	576	570	624	594	630
	Unknown	624	712	698	846	1,062	1,091	511	576	533	654	846	857
	Total	2,796	2,890	2,983	3,423	3,394	3,533	2,358	2,398	2,431	2,785	2,761	2,882
S Yorks	Non WP	3,225	3,240	3,319	3,730	3,252	3,432	2,785	2,740	2,818	3,152	2,706	2,912
	WP	1,731	1,807	1,732	1,963	1,823	2,032	1,413	1,457	1,399	1,611	1,475	1,610
	Unknown	1,250	1,409	1,334	1,591	2,111	2,200	1,039	1,147	1,049	1,245	1,668	1,719
	Total	6,206	6,456	6,385	7,284	7,186	7,664	5,237	5,344	5,266	6,008	5,849	6,241

**Table 13.5.3E:** Percentage of Applicants and Accepts from South Yorkshire 2003-2007 by District and Widening Participation cohort definitions as a percentage of 2002

		Applicants					Accepts				
		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Barnsley	Non WP	-3.4%	4.1%	1.1%	5.4%	4.3%	-4.0%	4.3%	-1.9%	1.3%	2.7%
	WP	-0.7%	-12.1%	-3.0%	-5.0%	20.8%	-6.1%	-19.1%	-5.7%	-6.9%	11.0%
	Unknown	23.3%	-9.7%	29.5%	61.4%	82.4%	18.5%	-19.7%	16.6%	46.5%	63.7%
	Total	2.6%	-3.8%	5.2%	12.8%	24.7%	-0.1%	-8.0%	0.6%	7.9%	17.7%
Doncaster	Non WP	5.0%	4.1%	17.6%	-7.5%	1.6%	1.9%	2.7%	16.9%	-7.3%	-1.4%
	WP	9.3%	13.6%	26.1%	5.6%	24.0%	15.1%	19.2%	35.7%	11.7%	27.5%
	Unknown	-8.1%	6.4%	19.1%	77.9%	75.3%	-10.1%	10.1%	13.8%	73.0%	69.8%
	Total	3.9%	7.3%	20.3%	11.9%	21.6%	3.4%	8.5%	21.5%	12.1%	19.1%
Rotherham	Non WP	3.6%	-6.1%	12.3%	-7.7%	3.8%	1.3%	-6.3%	11.6%	-12.9%	4.5%
	WP	2.9%	-11.0%	11.5%	7.1%	8.6%	-2.5%	-12.4%	11.5%	1.2%	4.0%
	Unknown	22.8%	5.6%	10.2%	61.4%	74.9%	18.1%	0.0%	6.0%	45.6%	56.0%
	Total	6.8%	-5.6%	11.7%	9.3%	18.0%	3.1%	-7.1%	10.6%	1.8%	13.5%
Sheffield	Non WP	-1.7%	5.7%	20.5%	6.8%	10.3%	-3.7%	2.6%	16.5%	2.1%	7.8%
	WP	4.7%	4.1%	14.6%	8.7%	17.2%	4.2%	3.1%	12.8%	7.4%	13.9%
	Unknown	14.1%	11.9%	35.6%	70.2%	74.8%	12.7%	4.3%	28.0%	65.6%	67.7%
	Total	3.4%	6.7%	22.4%	21.4%	26.4%	1.7%	3.1%	18.1%	17.1%	22.2%
S Yorks	Non WP	0.5%	2.9%	15.7%	0.8%	6.4%	-1.6%	1.2%	13.2%	-2.8%	4.6%
	WP	4.4%	0.1%	13.4%	5.3%	17.4%	3.1%	-1.0%	14.0%	4.4%	13.9%
	Unknown	12.7%	6.7%	27.3%	68.9%	76.0%	10.4%	1.0%	19.8%	60.5%	65.4%
	Total	4.0%	2.9%	17.4%	15.8%	23.5%	2.0%	0.6%	14.7%	11.7%	19.2%

**Table 13.5.3F: Percentage of Applicants and Accepts from South Yorkshire  
2002-2007 by District and Widening Participation cohort definitions**

		Applicants						Accepts					
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Barnsley	Non WP	48.2%	45.4%	52.2%	46.3%	45.1%	40.3%	48.1%	46.2%	54.5%	46.9%	45.1%	41.9%
	WP	32.6%	31.5%	29.8%	30.0%	27.4%	31.6%	31.7%	29.8%	27.9%	29.7%	27.4%	29.9%
	Unknown	19.2%	23.1%	18.2%	23.7%	27.5%	28.1%	20.2%	24.0%	17.6%	23.4%	27.5%	28.1%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Doncaster	Non WP	52.6%	53.2%	51.1%	51.4%	43.5%	44.0%	55.1%	54.3%	52.2%	53.1%	45.6%	45.7%
	WP	29.1%	30.6%	30.8%	30.5%	27.5%	29.7%	27.2%	30.3%	29.9%	30.4%	27.1%	29.1%
	Unknown	18.3%	16.2%	18.1%	18.1%	29.0%	26.3%	17.7%	15.4%	17.9%	16.5%	27.3%	25.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Rotherham	Non WP	50.5%	49.0%	50.3%	50.8%	42.7%	44.5%	51.1%	50.2%	51.6%	51.6%	43.7%	47.1%
	WP	31.6%	30.5%	29.8%	31.6%	31.0%	29.1%	31.3%	29.6%	29.4%	31.5%	31.1%	28.7%
	Unknown	17.9%	20.5%	19.9%	17.6%	26.3%	26.4%	17.6%	20.2%	19.0%	16.9%	25.2%	24.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sheffield	Non WP	53.5%	50.9%	53.0%	52.6%	47.0%	46.7%	54.9%	52.0%	54.7%	54.1%	47.9%	48.4%
	WP	24.2%	24.5%	23.6%	22.6%	21.7%	22.4%	23.5%	24.0%	23.4%	22.4%	21.5%	21.9%
	Unknown	22.3%	24.6%	23.4%	24.8%	31.3%	30.9%	21.6%	24.0%	21.9%	23.5%	30.6%	29.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
S Yorks	Non WP	52.0%	50.2%	52.0%	51.3%	45.3%	44.8%	53.2%	51.3%	53.5%	52.5%	46.3%	46.7%
	WP	27.9%	28.0%	27.1%	26.9%	25.4%	26.5%	27.0%	27.3%	26.6%	26.8%	25.2%	25.8%
	Unknown	20.1%	21.8%	20.9%	21.8%	29.3%	28.7%	19.8%	21.4%	19.9%	20.7%	28.5%	27.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Table 13.5.3G:** Number of Applicants and Accepts from South Yorkshire by Ethnicity Group  
2002-2007 by Area and District

		Applicants						Accepts					
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Barnsley	BME	19	20	23	30	32	44	17	18	19	25	22	35
	White	782	849	807	905	935	1,052	654	694	652	732	753	837
	Unknown	114	70	50	28	65	45	105	63	43	24	62	41
	Total	915	939	880	963	1,032	1,141	776	775	714	781	837	913
Doncaster	BME	64	75	87	124	116	136	43	57	68	98	90	108
	White	1,112	1,190	1,195	1,364	1,263	1,371	935	986	1,014	1,161	1,053	1,110
	Unknown	112	73	100	62	62	59	92	63	79	41	56	56
	Total	1,288	1,338	1,382	1,550	1,441	1,566	1,070	1,106	1,161	1,300	1,199	1,274
Rotherham	BME	75	94	125	142	151	153	62	72	99	105	115	118
	White	1,035	1,095	971	1,148	1,128	1,216	888	909	828	993	899	1,005
	Unknown	97	100	44	58	40	55	83	84	33	44	38	49
	Total	1,207	1,289	1,140	1,348	1,319	1,424	1,033	1,065	960	1,142	1,052	1,172
Sheffield	BME	388	418	563	753	759	726	291	320	421	546	574	567
	White	2,137	2,184	2,188	2,528	2,440	2,486	1,825	1,838	1,830	2,126	1,999	2,021
	Unknown	271	288	232	142	195	321	242	240	180	113	188	294
	Total	2,796	2,890	2,983	3,423	3,394	3,533	2,358	2,398	2,431	2,785	2,761	2,882
S Yorks	BME	546	607	798	1,049	1,058	1,059	413	467	607	774	801	828
	White	5,066	5,318	5,161	5,945	5,766	6,125	4,302	4,427	4,324	5,012	4,704	4,973
	Unknown	594	531	426	290	362	480	522	450	335	222	344	440
	Total	6,206	6,456	6,385	7,284	7,186	7,664	5,237	5,344	5,266	6,008	5,849	6,241

**Table 13.5.3H:** Percentage of Applicants and Accepts from South Yorkshire 2003-2007  
by Area, District and Ethnicity Group as a percentage of 2002

		Applicants					Accepts				
		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Barnsley	BME	5.3%	21.1%	57.9%	68.4%	131.6%	5.9%	11.8%	47.1%	17.6%	105.9%
	White	8.6%	3.2%	15.7%	19.6%	34.5%	6.1%	-0.3%	11.9%	-4.4%	28.0%
	Unknown	-38.6%	-56.1%	-75.4%	-43.0%	-60.5%	-40.0%	-59.0%	-77.1%	-49.5%	-61.0%
	Total	2.6%	-3.8%	5.2%	12.8%	24.7%	-0.1%	-8.0%	0.6%	-10.1%	17.7%
Doncaster	BME	17.2%	35.9%	93.8%	81.3%	112.5%	32.6%	58.1%	127.9%	60.5%	151.2%
	White	7.0%	7.5%	22.7%	13.6%	23.3%	5.5%	8.4%	24.2%	-6.3%	18.7%
	Unknown	-34.8%	-10.7%	-44.6%	-44.6%	-47.3%	-31.5%	-14.1%	-55.4%	-60.9%	-39.1%
	Total	3.9%	7.3%	20.3%	11.9%	21.6%	3.4%	8.5%	21.5%	-8.3%	19.1%
Rotherham	BME	25.3%	66.7%	89.3%	101.3%	104.0%	16.1%	59.7%	69.4%	64.5%	90.3%
	White	5.8%	-6.2%	10.9%	9.0%	17.5%	2.4%	-6.8%	11.8%	-15.3%	13.2%
	Unknown	3.1%	-54.6%	-40.2%	-58.8%	-43.3%	1.2%	-60.2%	-47.0%	-71.1%	-41.0%
	Total	6.8%	-5.6%	11.7%	9.3%	18.0%	3.1%	-7.1%	10.6%	-15.0%	13.5%
Sheffield	BME	7.7%	45.1%	94.1%	95.6%	87.1%	10.0%	44.7%	87.6%	63.9%	94.8%
	White	2.2%	2.4%	18.3%	14.2%	16.3%	0.7%	0.3%	16.5%	-7.6%	10.7%
	Unknown	6.3%	-14.4%	-47.6%	-28.0%	18.5%	-0.8%	-25.6%	-53.3%	-34.3%	21.5%
	Total	3.4%	6.7%	22.4%	21.4%	26.4%	1.7%	3.1%	18.1%	-1.5%	22.2%
S Yorks	BME	11.2%	46.2%	92.1%	93.8%	94.0%	13.1%	47.0%	87.4%	61.7%	100.5%
	White	5.0%	1.9%	17.4%	13.8%	20.9%	2.9%	0.5%	16.5%	-8.4%	15.6%
	Unknown	-10.6%	-28.3%	-51.2%	-39.1%	-19.2%	-13.8%	-35.8%	-57.5%	-47.9%	-15.7%
	Total	4.0%	2.9%	17.4%	15.8%	23.5%	2.0%	0.6%	14.7%	-6.8%	19.2%

**Table 13.5.3I: Percentage of Applicants and Accepts from South Yorkshire by Ethnicity Group  
2002-2007 by Area and District**

		Applicants						Accepts					
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Barnsley	BME	2.1%	2.1%	2.6%	3.1%	3.1%	3.9%	2.2%	2.3%	2.7%	3.2%	2.6%	3.8%
	White	85.4%	90.4%	91.7%	94.0%	90.6%	92.2%	84.3%	89.6%	91.3%	93.7%	90.0%	91.7%
	Unknown	12.5%	7.5%	5.7%	2.9%	6.3%	3.9%	13.5%	8.1%	6.0%	3.1%	7.4%	4.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Doncaster	BME	5.0%	5.6%	6.3%	8.0%	8.0%	8.7%	4.0%	5.2%	5.9%	7.5%	7.5%	8.5%
	White	86.3%	88.9%	86.5%	88.0%	87.7%	87.5%	87.4%	89.1%	87.3%	89.3%	87.8%	87.1%
	Unknown	8.7%	5.5%	7.2%	4.0%	4.3%	3.8%	8.6%	5.7%	6.8%	3.2%	4.7%	4.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Rotherham	BME	6.2%	7.3%	11.0%	10.5%	11.4%	10.7%	6.0%	6.8%	10.3%	9.1%	10.9%	10.1%
	White	85.8%	84.9%	85.1%	85.2%	85.6%	85.4%	86.0%	85.3%	86.3%	87.0%	85.5%	85.8%
	Unknown	8.0%	7.8%	3.9%	4.3%	3.0%	3.9%	8.0%	7.9%	3.4%	3.9%	3.6%	4.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sheffield	BME	13.9%	14.5%	18.9%	22.0%	22.4%	20.5%	12.3%	13.3%	17.3%	19.6%	20.8%	19.7%
	White	76.4%	75.5%	73.3%	73.9%	71.9%	70.4%	77.4%	76.7%	75.3%	76.3%	72.4%	70.1%
	Unknown	9.7%	10.0%	7.8%	4.1%	5.7%	9.1%	10.3%	10.0%	7.4%	4.1%	6.8%	10.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
S Yorks	BME	8.8%	9.4%	12.5%	14.4%	14.7%	13.8%	7.9%	8.7%	11.5%	12.9%	13.7%	13.3%
	White	81.6%	82.4%	80.8%	81.6%	80.3%	79.9%	82.1%	82.9%	82.1%	83.4%	80.4%	79.7%
	Unknown	9.6%	8.2%	6.7%	4.0%	5.0%	6.3%	10.0%	8.4%	6.4%	3.7%	5.9%	7.1%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Table 13.5.3J: Number and percentage of Accepts from South Yorkshire 2002-2007**  
by Tariff Range and Districts

	Tariff Range	Number of Accepts						Percentage					
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Barnsley	0-79	264	232	180	229	348	431	34.0%	29.9%	25.2%	29.4%	34.0%	47.2%
	80-239	207	203	179	176	123	118	26.7%	26.2%	25.1%	22.5%	26.7%	12.9%
	240-359	169	200	193	201	175	172	21.8%	25.8%	27.0%	25.7%	21.8%	18.8%
	360+	136	140	162	175	191	192	17.5%	18.1%	22.7%	22.4%	17.5%	21.0%
	Total	776	775	714	781	837	913	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Doncaster	0-79	217	180	236	254	365	431	20.3%	16.3%	20.3%	19.5%	20.3%	33.8%
	80-239	281	272	257	316	217	252	26.3%	24.6%	22.1%	24.3%	26.3%	19.8%
	240-359	249	335	342	388	304	301	23.3%	30.3%	29.5%	29.8%	23.3%	23.6%
	360+	323	319	326	342	313	290	30.1%	28.8%	28.1%	26.4%	30.1%	22.8%
	Total	1,070	1,106	1,161	1,300	1,199	1,274	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Rotherham	0-79	241	252	201	250	333	402	23.3%	23.7%	20.9%	21.9%	23.3%	34.3%
	80-239	280	254	227	225	174	197	27.1%	23.8%	23.6%	19.7%	27.1%	16.8%
	240-359	276	288	262	330	262	265	26.7%	27.0%	27.3%	28.9%	26.8%	22.6%
	360+	236	271	270	337	283	308	22.8%	25.4%	28.1%	29.5%	22.8%	26.3%
	Total	1,033	1,065	960	1,142	1,052	1,172	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sheffield	0-79	766	735	680	778	1,142	1,306	32.5%	30.7%	28.0%	27.9%	32.5%	45.3%
	80-239	580	596	542	637	448	419	24.6%	24.9%	22.3%	22.9%	24.6%	14.5%
	240-359	531	574	616	696	565	541	22.5%	23.9%	25.3%	25.0%	22.5%	18.8%
	360+	481	493	593	674	606	616	20.4%	20.6%	24.4%	24.2%	20.4%	21.4%
	Total	2,358	2,398	2,431	2,785	2,761	2,882	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
S Yorks	0-79	1,488	1,399	1,297	1,511	2,188	2,570	28.4%	26.2%	24.6%	25.2%	28.4%	41.2%
	80-239	1,348	1,325	1,205	1,354	962	986	25.7%	24.8%	22.9%	22.5%	25.7%	15.8%
	240-359	1,225	1,397	1,413	1,615	1,306	1,279	23.4%	26.1%	26.8%	26.9%	23.4%	20.5%
	360+	1,176	1,223	1,351	1,528	1,393	1,406	22.5%	22.9%	25.7%	25.4%	22.5%	22.5%
	Total	5,237	5,344	5,266	6,008	5,849	6,241	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Table 13.5.3K:** Number of Accepts to HEIs in Yorkshire & Humber and all Accepts domiciled in South Yorkshire 2002-2007 by Area and District

		Accepts					
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
S Yorks	Barnsley	510	524	458	493	572	610
	Doncaster	600	644	656	733	742	787
	Rotherham	662	687	618	771	715	735
	Sheffield	1,498	1,515	1,470	1,652	1,768	1,865
	S Yorks	3,270	3,370	3,202	3,649	3,797	3,997
All Regions	Barnsley	776	775	714	781	837	913
	Doncaster	1,070	1,106	1,161	1,300	1,199	1,274
	Rotherham	1,033	1,065	960	1,142	1,052	1,172
	Sheffield	2,358	2,398	2,431	2,785	2,761	2,882
	S Yorks	5,237	5,344	5,266	6,008	5,849	6,241

**Table 13.5.3L** Percentage of Accepts to HEIs in Yorkshire and Humber as a percentage of all Accepts domiciled in South Yorkshire 2002-2007 by Area and District

	Accepts						6 Year Average
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
Barnsley	65.7%	67.6%	64.1%	63.1%	68.3%	66.8%	66.0%
Doncaster	56.1%	58.2%	56.5%	56.4%	61.9%	61.8%	58.5%
Rotherham	64.1%	64.5%	64.4%	67.5%	68.0%	62.7%	65.2%
Sheffield	63.5%	63.2%	60.5%	59.3%	64.0%	64.7%	62.6%
S Yorks	62.4%	63.1%	60.8%	60.7%	64.9%	64.0%	62.7%

**Table 13.5.3.M:** Number of Accepts to Russell Group HEIs and all Accepts from South Yorkshire 2002-2007 by Area and District

		Accepts					
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Russell Group HEIs	Barnsley	126	123	121	108	128	131
	Doncaster	221	238	208	220	213	216
	Rotherham	178	204	163	206	198	193
	Sheffield	579	563	616	708	722	705
	S Yorks	1,104	1,128	1,108	1,242	1,261	1,245
All HEI's	Barnsley	776	775	714	781	837	913
	Doncaster	1,070	1,106	1,161	1,300	1,199	1,274
	Rotherham	1,033	1,065	960	1,142	1,052	1,172
	Sheffield	2,358	2,398	2,431	2,785	2,761	2,882
	S Yorks	5,237	5,344	5,266	6,008	5,849	6,241

**Table 13.5.3.N:** Percentage of Accepts to Russell Group HEIs as a percentage of all Accepts from South Yorkshire 2002-2007 by Area and District

	Accepts						6 Year
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Average
Barnsley	16.2%	15.9%	16.9%	13.8%	15.3%	14.3%	15.4%
Doncaster	20.7%	21.5%	17.9%	16.9%	17.8%	17.0%	18.5%
Rotherham	17.2%	19.2%	17.0%	18.0%	18.8%	16.5%	17.8%
Sheffield	24.6%	23.5%	25.3%	25.4%	26.1%	24.5%	24.9%
S Yorks	21.1%	21.1%	21.0%	20.7%	21.6%	19.9%	20.9%