

# PORTLAND PATHWAYS

Our community employment and mental health service based in Kirkby, Mansfield, Newark, Sutton and Worksop.

**674** referrals **UP 13%**

**114** new job starts **UP 5%**

**324**  
Rebuilding Mental Health course enrolments

**DOWN 1%**  
**1090**  
1-2-1 counselling hours delivered **UP 36%**

## HEALTH & WELLBEING IMPACT

(Warwick Edinburgh Mental Well-being Scale)



## PORTLAND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING

**9379.5** volunteering hours

**UP 20%**

**£109,894.46** in value added savings

**UP 29%**

**3023** attendees benefited from the Newstart Arts & Activities Programme

**UP 38%**

## CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

**£76,086**

received in donations of equipment, services and funding

## POLYTEACH SCHOOL

Alternative provision for key stages 2-4.

**114** learners

**35**

had Education, Health and Care Plans

## JUMP START

A blended approach to secondary children in mainstream schools, specialist provisions or between school placements.

Total learners

**50**

**UP 39%**

**95%** of Year 11 learners have a post-16 destination



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# IMPACT REPORT 2024-2025



**ALL PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WILL HAVE A LIFETIME OF OPPORTUNITY**



# WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR & CEO



Dr Dawn Green  
Chair



Dr Mark Dale  
Group CEO

2024-25 was a year of significant developments as we opened our first Nottingham City campus on Forest Road West and successfully completed a project to develop a second campus nearby, ready to open on 1st September 2025.

These developments were all part of our plan to meet the rising demand for specialist places in the region and to support our Local Authorities with enhanced Local Offer provision in a time when the SEND system nationally is financially hard-pressed.

At our main Sherwood Forest campus in Ashfield we also completed a complete refurbishment of a 1950s residential building providing state-of-the art accommodation and a very low energy building in use.

Whilst demand for specialist Further Education has continued to soar, our other provisions, Portland Freedom, Pollyteach School, Portland Pathways, Jump Start Alternative Provision and Newstart Outreach enjoyed a year of consolidation.

As ever we are profoundly grateful for the collective efforts of our volunteers and staff and the support we get from Local Authority Commissioners and grants from a wide range of charity funders. Our learners and citizens continue to amaze us with their resilience and their drive to achieve, bringing us great joy.

“I REALLY ENJOY MY LEARNER SESSIONS AND LIKE MY TIMETABLE AT PORTLAND. MY FAVOURITE SUBJECT IS ENGLISH AND THE TUTOR HAS A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOUR WHICH MAKES ME REALLY ENJOY HIS TEACHING SESSIONS. COMING TO PORTLAND HAS MADE ME VERY HAPPY AND I WOULD RECOMMEND IT TO PEOPLE THINKING OF COMING HERE.”

Learner

“PORTLAND COLLEGE DEMONSTRATED A HIGH LEVEL OF QUALITY AND CONSISTENCY IN ALIGNING WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF PERSON-CENTRED, EVIDENCE-INFORMED SUPPORT FOR AUTISTIC STUDENTS.”

National Autistic Society 2025

“CHLOE HAS ABSOLUTELY LOVED HER TIME AT PORTLAND, WE HAVE SEEN HER GROW IN SO MANY WAYS. THE SUPPORT SHE HAS HAD HAS BEEN EXCELLENT AND WE WILL ALL BE SAD WHEN SHE LEAVES.”

Parent

## PORTLAND COLLEGE

Total learners

281

UP 12%



Duke of Edinburgh Award completions

100% Silver Award

100% Bronze Award

Achievement Rates for Accredited Qualifications

80% Vocational

100% Personal & Social Development

94% Sports Leaders

98% Health & Well-being targets

## WOODLAND ADVENTURE ZONE

Our fully accessible forest adventure.

1597 sessions with participants from FE, Day Service, Pollyteach & FE Residential.

1764 external participants



## PORTLAND FREEDOM CITIZENS

Number of young people supported through our CQC registered care services.

124 Day Service

73 Short Breaks

17 Residential Learners

40 Independent Living