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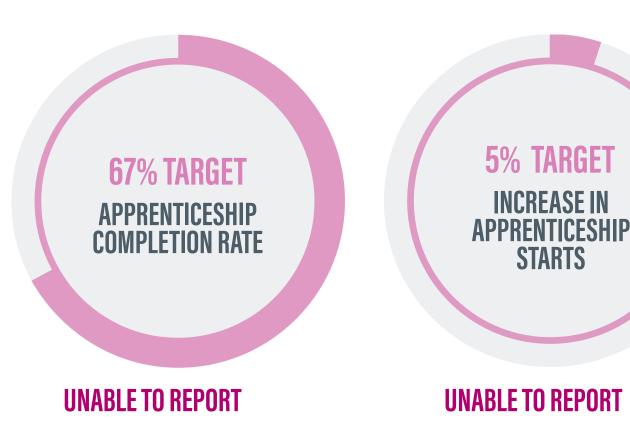
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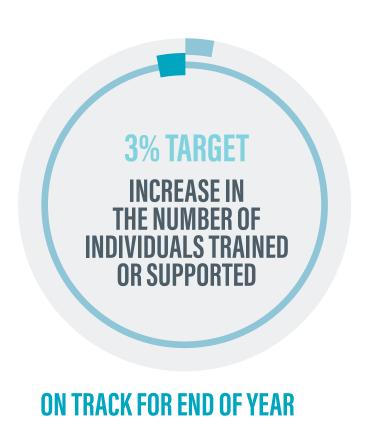




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ON TRACK AT 3%



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PROGRESS: ABOVE TARGET

Go Construct is the industry's central hub of engaging careers advice and guidance. Including information on over 180 job roles - from bricklayers to CAD technicians – it inspires people from all walks of life to join construction.

Over 260,000 people have used the site so far this year, a 32% year-on-year increase. Almost 5,000 visitors progressed on to <u>Talentview Construction</u>, where they can find their dream job or apprenticeship.

The website also works to positively change perceptions of the industry - bringing its diverse, inclusive nature to the forefront. We're proud to showcase people like Julius Debrah, who arrived in the UK as a teenager speaking little English and is now a successful dryliner, and Larissa Hardisty, a retail manager turned construction apprentice.







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Across the industry, there has been 28,980 apprenticeship starts. This strong performance represents the value employers and workers see in apprenticeships.

Craig Foster swapped a career in the army for a carpentry apprenticeship with the help of CITB – and hasn't looked back since.

"After coming out of the armed forces, I was struggling to find a new challenge," he said. "Then I found the apprenticeship and really came into my own. The future for me looks bright and this has all been possible because I took the leap and became an apprentice. I would highly recommend this path of career."

We are supporting more people like Craig to take up a construction apprenticeship. Our Occupational Traineeship programme, taster sessions, Go Construct, the SkillBuild competition and our wideranging package of financial support all feed into our strategy of promoting, funding and directly delivering apprenticeships.















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PROGRESS: ON TRACK

A positive, hands-on experience of the industry can make all the difference in winning the hearts and minds of career changers and young people.

It's vital we showcase the innovative side of the industry, too - such as our tunnelling taster sessions, which use virtual reality (VR) headsets to immerse a group of learners in a live tunnelling environment.

In the words of one learner, "I thought it was an excellent way to learn. Just all-round brilliant fun!" The entire group left the session interested in pursuing a career in tunnelling. And that's the power of taster experiences.

819 taster opportunities have already been made available across England and Wales, with a further expansion due in October 2022. In Scotland, we've awarded £280,000 to The Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce to deliver 2,800 taster experiences to young people over the next three years.













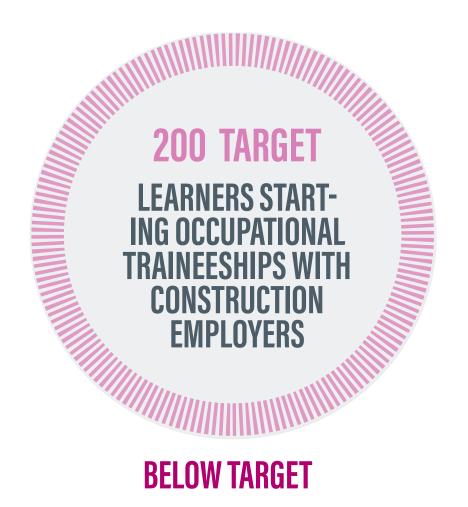








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PROGRESS: BELOW TARGET

Our Occupational Traineeship pilot in bricklaying provided a glimpse into the effectiveness of the programme, with 9 out of 14 learners progressing onto an apprenticeship.

We've successfully launched Occupational Traineeship standards in three further trades: painting and decorating, carpentry and joinery, and drylining. The scheme is being rolled out in these occupational areas across England from Autumn 2022.

As this is the first year of the scheme, the number of learners taking part will likely be small. However, we're working closely with the Department for Education and Association of Colleges to encourage colleges and training providers to add the scheme to their offering for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 academic years.

Employers are eligible to receive a £1,000 grant for each trainee they take on, and a <u>dedicated hub</u> sits on Go Construct for young people to get involved.















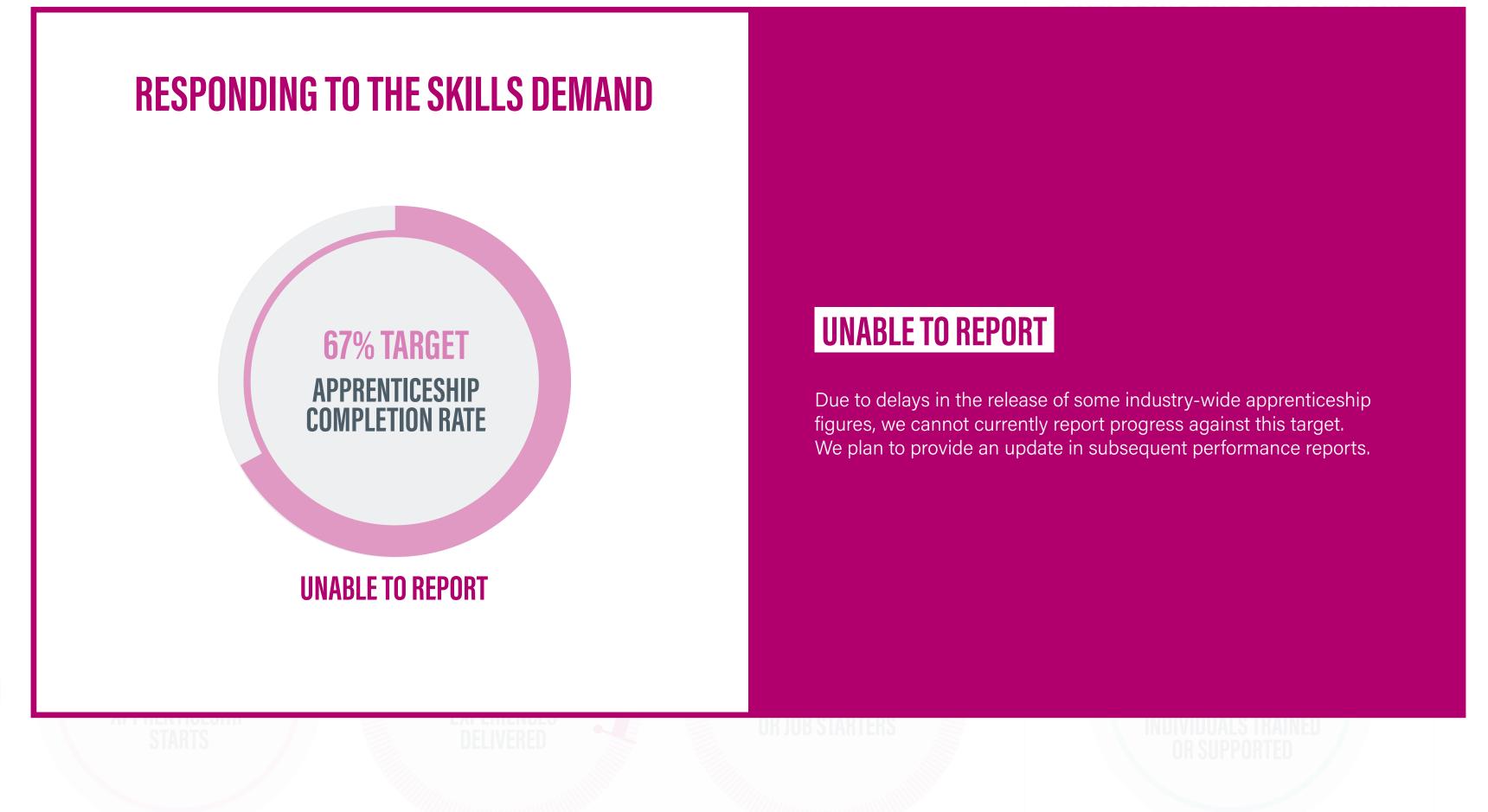


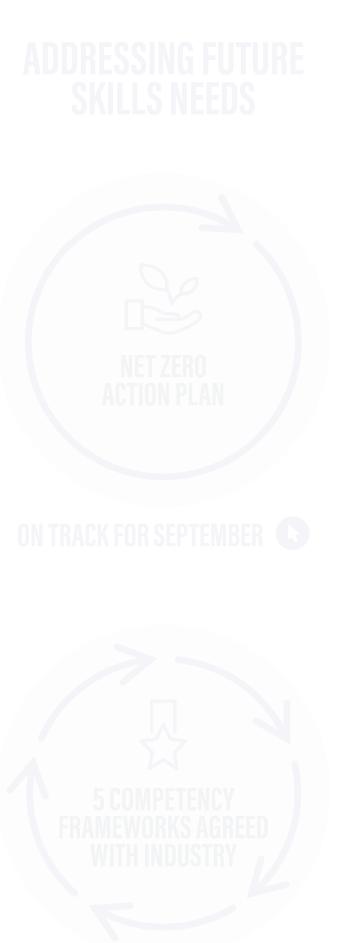
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INCREASE IN
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PROGRESS: BELOW TARGET

Our network of 12 Onsite Experience hubs across <u>England</u> and <u>Wales</u> had a slower start to the year than anticipated, delivering 655 onsite experiences. Since they became operational in June 2021, 2,266 onsite experiences have been delivered, with 1,656 candidates either siteready or started a job.

The hubs have proved popular with employers and job seekers alike, and their performance is quickly improving across the board, so we're confident they're getting back on track. To maximise their potential, we're providing extra support: connecting hubs with local employers to fill vacancies, as well as engaging them with Further Education colleges to build closer relationships. We've also facilitated better information sharing between the hubs, enabling them to share what works best.

We've also invested £3m into the <u>Scottish Academy for Construction</u> <u>Opportunities (SACO)</u> to provide onsite experiences in Scotland. The programme is designed for those already employment and site-ready but need some extra help through the next phase of their career, such as job coaching, mentoring and ongoing in-work support.







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Our role is to enable employers to quickly access the most suitable, cost-effective training for their business – where and when it's needed most.

We are on target with a 3% increase in the number of employers accessing training with our support. The Skills and Training fund had a particularly strong start to the year, with 484 SMEs and 42 medium-sized companies benefitting from direct funding to train and upskill their workforce.

Thanks to a £15,000 grant from our medium fund, L Lynch Plant Hire & Haulage expanded their innovative GPS technology training centre for plant operators. "The partnership with CITB made it possible," said Gez Bonner, National Training Manager. "CITB made the process very simple, and communication is always flowing between us. Training is not a profit, but value to the whole construction industry."

Our <u>Training Groups</u> also experienced steady growth, with 2,100 employers accessing training via a Group.

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The number of individuals trained or supported decreased by 3% compared to this time last year, but we anticipate this to recover and meet the end of year target. The slight drop is largely driven by a reduction in learners completing <u>Site Safety Plus (SSP) courses</u> and the <u>Health, Safety and Environment (HS&E) test</u>, at 10% and 6% respectively.

However, there's a strong appetite for training elsewhere, such as at our National Construction College (NCC) sites where we've trained 2,267 learners, a 16% increase on last year. We're expanding their training capacity to meet the increasing demand.

The <u>National Specialist Accredited Centre (NSAC)</u> which delivers niche, specialist qualifications contributed to the strong growth in training, too: with 241 learners achieving their qualifications and a further 296 registering on courses.

The number of workers supported with <u>short duration training grants</u> has increased by 10% - making sure training remains cost effective for their employers.

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PROGRESS: ON TRACK

We continue to work with the sector groups to facilitate the development of the competency frameworks. We are currently on track to have the five frameworks completed by the end of the year.





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PROGRESS: ON TRACK

We will publish our Net Zero Action Plan by the end of September 2022.

Net zero, rightly, sits high on our agenda. Following our Building Skills for Net Zero and Net Zero and Construction: Perspective and Pathways reports, this plan is part of a long-term strategy to support the industry in meeting net zero targets.







