



Hair and Beauty

Local Information Sheet No. 9

The Work

Are you interested in appearance, fashion and working closely with people?

If you are, you're in the right place. There are three main areas in the hair and beauty sector - Hair-dressing, Beauty and Make-up.

Hairdressing training will give you practical experience in skills such as, styling, cutting, shampooing, neutralising, colouring, perming, and blow-drying. Training in beauty care involves learning about facial care, manicures, cosmetics, health and fitness and good grooming. In both areas training covers reception duties, and how to deal with customers as well as ordering stock and maintaining records and accounts. Working in hairdressing, beauty and body art all have one thing in common - they are highly dependent on regular repeat business from satisfied clients. (See page eight - Easy ways to get useful information).

What's Happening?

The hairdressing and beauty sectors are a popular career choice for school-leavers -half of the workforce are between the ages of 16 and 34. There are more high street premises from this sector than any other retail sector. The UK has over 35,000 hair salons; 300 Afro-Caribbean hair salons; nearly 3,000 barbers; 1,500 nailbars/technicians; 13,000 beauty salons/consultants; nearly 1,000 mobile beauty therapists and 400 spas. The hairdressing and beauty industries are both highly dependent on regular repeat business from satisfied clients. This means that interpersonal skills are very important, especially the ability to communicate verbally so as to customise the service to meet individual needs. 93.5% of workplaces have less than 10 employees. After training self-employment is a popular choice. People working in beauty salons have to be multi-skilled, as they often have to provide a wide range of treatments to clients. This means that training is important in keeping up to date with techniques. See Work Matters for more labour market information.

Possible Job Titles

Beauty Consultant
Beauty Therapist
Body Artist/Tattooist

Hairdresser
Image Consultant
Make-up Artist

Nail Technician

For information about these jobs see the Personal Services section of the Connexions library.

Your Options at 16 and 17

- **Further education at school or college** – continue to study, full or part-time, for a career or keep your future options open and simply continue to improve your qualifications.
- **Apprenticeships (Level 2)/Advanced Apprenticeships (Level 3)** – learn new skills with an employer, gain qualifications and get some real work experience. You will receive a wage, or, if you are eligible, an Education Maintenance Allowance of up to £30 a week.
- **Job** – regular, paid work that, with training, can lead to recognised qualifications.
- **e2e (Entry to Employment) & Pre-e2e** – programmes to help you prepare for a job, an Apprenticeship or further education.

For details of all these options speak to your Connexions personal adviser or see page eight – Easy ways to get useful information.

Section 1

Further education: what's available locally and how to apply.

- This sheet lists full-time vocational courses. Other courses and ways of learning may be available.
- **Futures4Me** – explore all post-16 learning and training opportunities available in the West of England.
- Contact colleges/sixth form colleges for information and an application form. They all have websites.
- Go to open evenings and information events. See page eight – Easy ways to get useful information.
- Ask colleges/sixth form colleges how well previous students have done on their courses.
- Use your school's Connexions Information Centre for information about local colleges and sixth forms.
- Higher education, Apprenticeships, a job with training, self-employment or time out to travel or do voluntary work are all options after college/sixth form college.
- Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is a weekly payment to help with costs if you go into the sixth form, college or go into training. Other financial support exists to help with travel, specialist courses, books and equipment and childcare. Terms and conditions apply to all. For more information - <http://moneytolearn.direct.gov.uk>

CITY OF BATH COLLEGE

Avon Street, Bath BA1 1UP

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Website: www.cityofbathcoll.ac.uk

Fast Track Hairdressing (VTCT) – NVQ Level 2

(1 year). Entry requirements are 3 GCSEs or evidence of a good standard of education, plus college briefing session. A one year intensive hairdressing programme which provides a foundation qualification in basic ladies hairdressing.

Hairdressing Certificate – Work Based (To NVQ Level 2 and 3)

(2 years). Entry requirements are 2 GCSEs grade C or above or evidence of a good standard of education plus a college briefing session. These courses will provide a qualification in basic ladies hairdressing. Students will be assessed on a continuous basis by a college assessor in your workplace.

Advanced Hairdressing – NVQ Level 3

(1 year). Entry requirements are a hairdressing qualification plus college briefing session. This course develops the skills of qualified hairdressers to advance their careers in the industry.

Hairdressing – NVQ Level 1 VTCT

(1 year). There are no formal requirements. Basic Skills test. This course provides the qualification for an Assistant Hairdresser and / or Junior and leads to the Hairdressing NVQ Level 2 qualification.

Hairdressing and Beauty Therapies – NVQ Level 1 VTCT

(1 year). There are no formal requirements. Basic Skills test. This course provides a qualification for an assistant hairdresser and a certificate in introduction to beauty.

Beauty Therapy – NVQ Level 1 VTCT

(1 year). There are no formal requirements. Basic Skills test. This course is designed to introduce the student to beauty therapy. The qualification provides access to understanding what is involved in the beauty therapy industry.

Beauty Therapy – NVQ Level 2 VTCT

(1 year). Entry requirements are 4 GCSEs grade D or above. This qualification covers the main techniques used by beauty specialists in their treatments of the head, neck, hands and feet.

Beauty Therapy Advanced – NVQ Level 3 VTCT

(1 year). Entry requirements are Level 2 qualification in Beauty and Swedish Massage. This course provides a follow on from a Level 2 qualification in Beauty Therapy and provides a higher level of skills necessary for employment in specialist beauty Salons.

Beauty Therapy Specialist – Diploma Level 2 VTCT

(1 year). Entry requirements are 4 GCSEs grade C or above. This qualification covers the main techniques used by beauty specialists in their treatments of the head, neck, hands and feet. It also introduces Body Massage.

Complementary Therapies – Diploma Level 2 VTCT

(1 year). Entry requirements are 4 GCSEs grade C or above. Students will learn how to provide treatments for the purpose of relaxation and relief of stress.

Complementary Therapies – Diploma Level 3 VTCT

(1 year). Entry requirements are Complementary Therapies Level 2. This course will allow students to develop practical and theoretical skills in order to provide complementary therapy treatments for the purpose of relaxation and stress release.

Spa & Complementary Therapies – Level 3

(1 year). Entry requirements are a VTCT qualification in Anatomy and Physiology, Body Massage and a Diploma in Health, Safety, Security and Employment Standards (DHSSE). This course aims to extend the skills of Beauty or Holistic Therapists allowing them to gain internationally recognised qualifications necessary to gain employment in health hydros and spas throughout the world.

CITY OF BRISTOL COLLEGE – ASHLEY DOWN CENTRE

Ashley Down Road, Bristol BS7 9BU

Tel: 0117 312 5000

Website: www.cityofbristol.ac.uk

Beauty Therapy Apprenticeship – NVQ 2 & 3

(2 years). Entry requirements are a personal interview and 2 GCSEs grade D or above with a good record of punctuality and attendance. This course will give you all the practical skills you need to work as a beauty therapist.

Hairdressing – NVQ 2 & 3

(2 years). Entry requirements are 2 GCSEs grade D or above, a personal interview and a good standard of education showing a good pattern of attendance and punctuality. You will be working in a team environment with clients in well-equipped salons to develop practical skills and theory/knowledge in ladies' hairdressing.

Hairdressing Apprenticeship – NVQ 2

(2 years). You will need a good attendance record, personal interview, a professional image and salon employment. You will cover practical and theoretical aspects of hairdressing such as cutting, colouring and styling.

Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy (combined course) – NVQ 2 Hairdressing / NVQ 2 & 3 Beauty

(3 years). Entry requirements are 3 GCSEs grade C or above or equivalent qualification, plus interview and good record of attendance. On this course you'll develop all the practical skills you need to start a career or continue studying, both hairdressing and beauty. Working in modern hair and beauty salons you'll get hands-on experience of all aspects of ladies' hairdressing and beauty therapy including aromatherapy, body massage and epilation. You'll experience work placements in both hairdressing and beauty therapy. You have the chance to attend national events, enter competitions and meet guest speakers from the industry.

Theatrical and Media Make-Up – Diploma Level 3

(1 year). Entry requirements are that you must be aged 18 or over and have a strong commitment to the stage and entertainment industry. No formal qualifications needed but you will need a personal interview. Enjoy learning all the skills you'll need as a make-up artiste in the exciting world of TV, theatre and film. Working hands-on you'll develop the skills to create different looks including fashion, stage & character make-up. You'll learn wig-dressing skills, casualty simulation, prosthetics & special effects. You will also learn some basic hairdressing skills.

CITY OF BRISTOL COLLEGE – COLLEGE GREEN CENTRE

St Georges Road, Bristol BS1 5UA

Tel: 0117 312 5000

Website: www.cityofbristol.ac.uk

Beauty Therapy – NVQ 2 & 3

(2 years). Entry requirements are 3 GCSEs grade C or above or equivalent relevant Key Skill Literacy or Numeracy qualification. You will need to attend an interview and have a good record of attendance and punctuality. We now spend more money on looking good than ever before, so a career as a beauty therapist offers attractive opportunities. This course will give you all the practical skills you need and there will be the chance to enter the College competition and the Dermalogica Student of the Year competition. You can also have the opportunity to gain extra qualifications such as tanning and ear piercing.

Hairdressing – NVQ 2 & 3

(2 years). Entry requirements are 2 GCSEs grade D or above, a personal interview and a good standard of education showing a good pattern of attendance and punctuality. You will be working in a team environment with clients in well-equipped salons to develop practical skills and theory/knowledge in ladies' hairdressing.

CITY OF BRISTOL COLLEGE – LAWRENCE WESTON CENTRE

Broadlands Drive, Bristol BS11 0NT

Tel: 0117 312 5000

Website: www.cityofbristol.ac.uk

Beauty Therapy (with body massage) – NVQ 2

(1 year). Entry requirements are 2 GCSEs grade D or above or equivalent relevant Key Skill Literacy or Numeracy qualification. You will need to attend an interview and have a good record of attendance and

punctuality. This course will give you a good understanding and practical skills in all aspects of beauty and body massage in just one year. You'll learn about basic facials, eyebrow tinting and shaping, manicure, pedicure and waxing. At the end of the course you'll be qualified to start work in beauty salons. There will also be the chance to enter the Dermalogica Student of the Year competition.

Hairdressing – NVQ 2 & 3

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CITY OF BRISTOL COLLEGE – SOUNDWELL CENTRE

St Stephens Road, Soundwell, Bristol BS16 4RL

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Website: www.cityofbristol.ac.uk

Beauty Therapy – NVQ 2 & 3

(2 years). Entry requirements are 3 GCSEs grade C or above or equivalent relevant Key Skill Literacy or Numeracy qualification. You will need to attend an interview and have a good record of attendance and punctuality. We now spend more money on looking good than ever before, so a career as a beauty therapist offers attractive opportunities. This course will give you all the practical skills you need and there will be the chance to enter the College competition and the Dermalogica Student of the Year competition. You can also have the opportunity to gain extra qualifications such as tanning and ear piercing.

Hairdressing – NVQ 2 & 3

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Nail Services – NVQ Level 2

(1 year). Entry requirements are a good record of attendance and a personal interview. This course will give you a good understanding of the practical and theoretic knowledge required for the nail industry in just one year. You will learn about manicures, pedicures, artificial nails, nail art and make-up.

CITY OF BRISTOL COLLEGE – SOUTH BRISTOL SKILLS ACADEMY

Whitchurch Lane, Bristol BS14 0JZ

Tel: 0117 312 5000

Website: www.cityofbristol.ac.uk

Beauty Therapy (with body massage) – NVQ 2

(1 year). Entry requirements are 2 GCSEs grade D or above or equivalent relevant Key Skill Literacy or Numeracy qualification. You will need to attend an interview and have a good record of attendance and punctuality. This course will give you a good understanding and practical skills in all aspects of beauty and body massage in just one year. You'll learn about basic facials, eyebrow tinting and shaping, manicure, pedicure and waxing. At the end of the course you'll be qualified to start work in beauty salons. There will also be the chance to enter the Dermalogica Student of the Year competition.

Complementary Therapies – City & Guilds Diploma Level 2

(1 year). Entry requirements are a mature and responsible attitude and a minimum of 2 GCSEs grade D or above. You will also be asked to attend an interview. This course is ideal as an introduction into complementary therapies. You will study and practice in one of the modern well equipped salons under the supervision of qualified staff.

Complementary Therapy – City and Guilds Diploma Level 3

(1 year). Entry requirements are a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade C or above, a mature and responsible attitude and you will need to attend an interview. The course consists of the following modules: Principles and practices of complementary therapies; Body massage; Aromatherapy; Reflexology; Anatomy and Physiology; Advanced Anatomy and Physiology; Reflective practise in all practical areas; Physiology and Pathology; and Business practice.

Hairdressing – NVQ 2 and 3

(2 years). Entry requirements are 2 GCSEs grade D or above, a personal interview and a good standard of education showing a good pattern of attendance and punctuality. You will be working in a team environment with clients in well-equipped salons to develop practical skills and theory/knowledge in ladies' hairdressing.

FILTON COLLEGE

Filton Avenue, Filton, Bristol BS34 7AT

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Website: www.filton.ac.uk

Beauty Therapy – NVQ 1

(1 Year). Entry requirements are 2 GCSEs grade A - D, plus a strong interest in beauty therapy, be well motivated and keen to learn and have a high level of personal presentation.

Beauty Therapy – NVQ 2

(1 year). Entry requirements are 3 GCSEs grade A - C (due to the high level of Anatomy and Physiology on these courses Science and English GCSE is highly desirable). Mature applicants will be considered without formal qualifications, subject to attending a taster day.

Beauty Therapy – Level 3

(1 year). Entry requirements are Level 2 NVQ in Beauty Therapy. Must be self motivated as the course requires home study and independent learning. The ability to provide models for assessment is crucial.

Beauty Route – Level 3

(1 year). Applicants must hold an NVQ level 2 in Beauty Therapy. Students will purchase their own kit and uniform via the college.

Complementary Therapies – Diploma Level 2

(1 year). Entry requirements are 4 GCSEs grade A - C, but you will also need to attend a successful interview with a member of the teaching team, demonstrating a strong interest in complimentary therapies, be well motivated and keen to learn and have a high level of personal presentation.

Complementary Therapies – Diploma Level 3

(1 year). Entry requirements are 5 GCSEs grade A - C, but you will also need to attend a successful interview with a member of the teaching team, demonstrating a strong interest in complimentary therapies, be well motivated and keen to learn and have a high level of personal presentation.

Hairdressing – NVQ 1

(1 year). Entry requirements are 3 GCSEs grade A - D, but you will also need to attend a successful interview with a member of the teaching team, demonstrating a strong interest in Hairdressing, be well motivated, keen to learn and have a high level of personal presentation.

Hairdressing – NVQ 2

(1 year). Entry requirements are 3 GCSEs grade A - C (due to the high level of Science on this course). This is a 1 year programme that incorporates barbering units and you will study the essentials required to achieve the NVQ 2 in Hairdressing.

Hairdressing – NVQ 3

(1 year). Entry requirements are 3 GCSEs grade A - C, NVQ level 2, industry placement and a personal & professional reference required. This is a 1 year programme in advanced hairdressing.

NORTON RADSTOCK COLLEGE

South Hill Park, Radstock, Bath BA3 3RW

Tel: 01761 433161

Website: www.nortcoll.ac.uk

Beauty Therapy – NVQ Level 2

(1 year). Entry requirements are 4 GCSEs grade C or above. Intensive one year programme provides the basic skills to work in a wide range of areas within the beauty industry.

Beauty Therapy – NVQ Level 3

(1 year). Entry requirements are NVQ 2 Beauty Therapy or equivalent. General beauty therapy route to include electrotherapy and Level 3 Diploma in Aromatherapy.

Salon Services – Level 1 Certificate

(1 year). Entry requirement is a successful interview. Introduction to hairdressing industry, covering basic tasks and developing the candidates basic skills.

Hairdressing – NVQ 2 and 3

(1 year). Second phase for students who have succeeded at Level 1. Hairdressing NVQ Level 2 and 3 Evidence of a good general education required, but will be invited to attend formal interview. Leads to NVQ Level 2 and can be followed by NVQ Level 3. Includes all aspects of hairdressing; reception, health and safety. Level 3 Hairdressing will focus on advanced technical skills and related knowledge.

General note: Applicants to all the above courses will be required to attend an interview, have a good standard of basic education and have a high level of school attendance and punctuality. All applicants will be required to complete initial assessment before attending vocational interview. A two week block work placement is a mandatory requirement for all full-time programs with the school of Hair and Beauty.

The college is also part of the Bath and NE Somerset Diploma Consortium and is leading on the Hair and Beauty Diploma. Please contact the college for further details.

WESTON COLLEGE

Knightstone Road, Weston-super-Mare BS23 2AL

Tel: 01934 411411

Website: www.weston.ac.uk**Beauty Therapy – NVQ**

(1 Year). We recommend you have 4 GCSEs grades C - E, preferably to include two at grade C or above. Alternatively you will need an appropriate Level 1 qualification such as a BTEC Introductory Certificate or Diploma or an NVQ 1.

Beauty Therapy Sciences – BTEC National Diploma

(2 Years). We recommend you have 5 GCSEs grades A - C, preferably to include Maths and English Language. Alternatively you will need an appropriate Level 2 qualification such as a BTEC First Diploma or an NVQ Level 2.

Beauty Therapy – NVQ 3

(1 Year). You will need an NVQ 2 in Beauty Therapy or another relevant qualification in Beauty Therapy.

Hair and Beauty Studies – Foundation Diploma

(1 Year). We recommend you have some GCSEs grades C - E and you must be able to demonstrate an interest in the subject and a willingness to study this course.

Hair and Beauty Studies – Higher Diploma

(1 Year). We recommend you have 4 GCSEs grades C - E, preferably to include English Language and Maths at grade C or above.

Hair and Beauty Studies – Advanced Diploma

(1 Year). We recommend you have some GCSEs grades C - E and you must be able to demonstrate an interest in the subject and a willingness to study this course.

Hairdressing – NVQ 1

(1 Year). Entry requirements are GCSEs grades C - E and you must be able to demonstrate an interest in the subject and a willingness to study this course.

Hairdressing – NVQ 2

(1 Year). We recommend you have a minimum of 4 GCSEs grades C - E, preferably to include two at grade C or above. Alternatively you will need an appropriate Level 1 qualification such as a BTEC Introductory Certificate or Diploma or an NVQ 1.

Hairdressing – NVQ 3

(1 Year). You must have an NVQ Level 2 in Hairdressing.

Theatrical and Media Make-up – Diploma

(1 Year). You will need an appropriate Level 2 qualification such as an NVQ 2 or a BTEC First Diploma.

Hair and Beauty Studies – Advanced Diploma

(2 years). Entry requirements are 5 GCSEs grades A* - C including English Language and Maths, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification accompanied by GCSEs in Maths and English Language A* - C or equivalent (e.g. Key Skills Level 2 in Communication and Application of Number).

Section 2**Year 12 (Sixth Form)**

- Choose from a wide range of courses including AS/A2 Levels, GCSEs, Diplomas, National Diplomas, NVQs and other work related courses.
- Contact sixth forms for information and an application form. They all have websites.
- Go to open evenings and information events. See page eight – Easy ways to get useful information.
- Ask sixth forms how well previous students have done on their courses.
- Use your school's Connexions Information Centre for information about local sixth forms.
- Additional further education, higher education, Apprenticeships, a job with training, self-employment or time out to travel or do voluntary work are all options after the sixth form.
- Educational Maintenance Allowance is a weekly payment to help you continue to learn or train. EMA is worth up to £30 a week. Other financial support exists to help with travel, specialist courses, books and equipment and childcare. Terms and conditions apply to all. For more information – <http://moneytolearn.direct.gov.uk>

Section 3

Apprenticeships and Jobs

Both of these options allow you to learn new skills with an employer and get some real work experience – but only an Apprenticeship will **guarantee** you training and the chance to gain qualifications. You will receive a wage, or, if you are eligible, an Education Maintenance Allowance of up to £30 a week. See page eight – Easy ways to get useful information.

Local Apprenticeships

Beauty Therapy

- **Weston College**, Knightstone Road, Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset BS23 2AL. 01934 411411. Peggy Tovey. peggy.tovey@weston.ac.uk

Barbering

- **Weston College**, Knightstone Road, Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset BS23 2AL. 01934 411411. Peggy Tovey. peggy.tovey@weston.ac.uk

Hairdressing

- **City of Bath College**, Avon Street, Bath BA1 1UP. 01225 328644. Lianne McCarthy. mccarthy1@citybathcoll.ac.uk
- **City of Bristol College**, College Green Centre, St Georges Road, Bristol BS1 5UA. 0117 312 5007. Claire Arbery. claire.arbery@cityofbristol.ac.uk
- **Filton College**, Filton Avenue, Bristol BS34 7AT. 0117 909 2223. Claire Thorogood. claire.thorogood@filton.ac.uk
- **House of Clive (Reflections)**, Reflections House, 26 Oakfield Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 2AT. 0117 906 4159. Caroline Spencer. caroline@reflectionstraining.co.uk
- **Norton Radstock College**, South Hill Park, Radstock, Bath BA3 3RW. 01761 433161. Peter Hodgson. phodgson@nortcoll.ac.uk
- **Ultra Training Limited**, Uzella House, Callywith Gate, Launceston Road, Bodmin, Cornwall PL31 2RQ. 0845 009 1097. John Wilkie. john.wilkie@ustrain.com
- **Upper Cut Hair Salons**, 58 Baker Street, Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset BS23 3AQ. 01934 631047. John Burrows. admin@uppercutsnet.co.uk
- **Weston College**, Knightstone Road, Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset BS23 2AL. 01934 411411. Peggy Tovey. peggy.tovey@weston.ac.uk

Local Advanced Apprenticeships

Beauty Therapy

- **Norton Radstock College**, South Hill Park, Radstock, Bath BA3 3RW. 01761 433161. Peter Hodgson. phodgson@nortcoll.ac.uk
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For more on Apprenticeships

- www.apprenticeships.org.uk – visit the National Apprenticeship website for information including the National Apprenticeship Vacancy Matching Service (scroll down and click on the ‘Apprenticeship Vacancies’ link). This service lets you search for Apprenticeship vacancies in a variety of ways, such as by occupational area, provider or by postcode.
- **08000 150 600** – Call the National Apprenticeship Hotline for help and advice.
- If you are still not sure and need help, please contact careers staff in your school/college or your local Connexions West of England Centre (addresses at end of this leaflet).

Time Off for study or training

- The right to Time Off for Study or training is designed to help you if you are aged 16-17, got few if any qualifications at school, and are now employed in a job which offers little or no training.
- For more information – www.connexions-direct.com – look under work schemes>time off for study and training.

Easy ways to get useful information

- www.connexionswest.org.uk – information for 13-19 year olds; vacancies; local support agencies; education & training database; publication downloads.
- <http://options.connexionswest.org.uk> – Your Way Forward - Options @ 16 and 17. Post-16 learning, training and work options; qualifications; sources of finance; useful websites.
- <http://workmatters.connexionswest.org.uk> – Information about working in the local area; how much people earn; number of people employed; types of jobs; useful websites.
- **Futures4Me** – explore all post-16 learning and training opportunities available in the West of England.

Connexions West of England Centres are open Monday – Friday. Contact direct for opening hours.

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Bristol BS1 4ST
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28 Southgate
Bath BA1 1TP
Tel: 01225 461 501
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South Gloucestershire
21-23 High Street
Kingswood
Bristol BS15 4AA
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28 Gloucester Rd North
Filton
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North Somerset
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Weston-super-Mare
BS23 1PG
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Connexions Direct (confidential information, advice and support for young people)
Tel: 080 800 13 2 19. Text: 07766 4 13 2 19. www.connexions-direct.com

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