



DWP hypes youth unemployment panic ahead of Milburn Review

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The long-awaited [interim report into the Milburn Review on youth unemployment](#) is expected today. In typical style, the [Department for Work and Pensions \(DWP\)](#) are already steering the corporate media in its benefits-hating direction.

DWP Milburn review out today

In November 2025, the department announced an [independent review into](#) why so many young people were Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEETS). The review is run by Alan Milburn. He has been prolific in [wanting to strip disabled people of unemployment benefits](#). Additionally, the review will focus heavily on why kids aren't working or in education. However, this is Labour so it will no doubt be blaming them all for faking mental health issues. They are doing this without drilling into the causes.

Today's publication is just an interim report. This means it won't provide a full picture or offer any practical recommendations. Furthermore, it also won't hold the government to account for supporting young people. Not that it would've anyway.

But that hasn't stopped the MSM from having an absolute field day. They're using everything in their arsenal to demonise young people. I'd say we don't yet know what's in the report. However, judging from the sheer amount of coverage on [a "lost generation"](#) and [youth mental health](#) it's clear the press has already been briefed.

Despite the report not being published until 11am, every outlet seemed to have read it before then or at least the DWP press release.

Live coverage of a report? Really?

As [the BBC live coverage states](#)

The number of 16 to 24-year-olds not in employment, education or training – known as Neets – has risen above one million, new figures show – the key points at a glance

The number stands at its highest level in 12 years and is driven by more young people no longer looking for work, the Office for National Statistics says

Yes, that’s right, the BBC is running live bloody coverage of a report. It’s been going since 8 am this morning, and there are already two pages worth of stories. So far, it’s included separate ‘updates’ on different parts of the report, that the report is coming, what NEET means, a breakdown of how the morning will pan out and various interviews Milburn has done.

Most bizarrely, they also include live up-to-the-minute coverage of Milburn being interviewed by the BBC.

And they’re not the only ones. The supposed [Guardian also has rolling coverage](#) They also include a ‘newsflash’. Yes, they really used the

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Newsflash: The number of young people in the UK not in education, employment or training (Neets) has risen over one million, for the first time in over a decade.

This level of coverage is usually reserved for if a pope dies or another massive paedophile has been uncovered. However, it is not just another report to demonise young unemployed people.

And that’s exactly the point, the government is clearly guiding the media to push so much coverage of this report to engineer hysteria about youth unemployment before we’ve actually been able to read the report.

DWP is controlling the narrative

Let’s be honest, the government and media know the common man isn’t going to spend their time reading a DWP report on youth unemployment. So they will only be informed by what they read in the rags. Therefore, the DWP is [painting the narrative they want](#).

Despite the focus being on youth unemployment, there’s been nothing on [poverty](#) There’s also been nothing on how much the [cost-of-living crisis](#) has affected young people.

There are plenty of accusations of kids faking mental health. However, there’s nothing on why they’re all struggling so much. It ignores the state of the world they’ve had to grow up in.

There’s not a bloody jot in the press about how [neurodivergent kids are being forced out of education](#) They then struggle to get into work. This is because the system wasn’t built for them.

And of course, there are absolutely zero practical solutions that will actually support kids.

Report not worth the paper it's written on

It's highly likely that, much like [Streeting's interim report into whether ADHD is overdiagnosed](#), the review is not going as the DWP hoped, so they're in crisis mode to handle the narrative.

What's clear here, with the tightly controlled way the DWP has steered the press, is that the report will not be worth the paper it's written on – and that's why it's being turned into a media circus.

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