

SCHOOLS FORUM

Date of Meeting: 22.02.17

For: Information

SEN Alert

Purpose of the report:

1. To update forum on new expenditure on Independent Special School Placements since the last forum

Summary / background / update:

2. At December forum, a complete breakdown of all the current Independent special school placements was provided including data on Children in Care in Independent specialist placements and placements which are jointly funded by either social care (both children and adults) and/or health.

Since December forum, the following prospective placements reported on as needed for 2017/18 have resulted in placement and the costings to the HNS block is as follows:

Placement for 1 student to start after half-term at The Green Room £30K pa

Placement for 1 student to start after half-term at Beech Lodge £24,960 pa

2 current placement searches for SEMH special still ongoing (Yr8/Yr10)

2 current placement searches for ASD special still ongoing (2 x Yr 8)

Since December forum: -

1 placement search required for Independent special Y11/Post 16

1 parental preference for Forest Bridge Independent ASD - Y2

Options / suggested actions:

3. Forum has requested a zero-based activity to be undertaken by Hawa Bedwa and Claire O'Leary/Linda Orr. The first stage in this is a joint W. Berks meeting has been set up for 16.02.17 to consider local joint commissioning and procurement processes.

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