

SCHOOLS FORUM

Report on Independent School Placements

Purpose of the Report

- 1 Update to Forum on spend to Independent school placements

Suggested Action

- 2 As per Donna Munday's reporting

Supporting Information

3 Placements confirmed since last report to forum

- One girl placed into special SEMH placement - £66K per annum
- Year 11 student from Addington – placed into Independent special - £150K for 38+ week residential with tripartite joint funding
- Year 8 SEMH 38 week placed into residential special school placement
- Year 9 student placed into SEMH/ASD day placement
- Year 4 LAC girl placed into therapeutic residential special £187K

Current searches

4 x Year 8 student awaiting special SEMH day placement (1 parent requesting residential)

- Year 4 ASD day special placement
- Year 5 SEMH special school (complexity resulting in residential placement likely)

4 Current position

- Number of Year 8/9 placements unstable within mainstream secondary schools with Moderate Learning Difficulties. Schools struggling to match a suitable curriculum offer appropriate to their needs. By Year 8/9 lack of maintained special school options. SEN working with schools to identify alternative curriculum packages funded within DSG High Needs Budget. Paper proposed to Secondary Head Federation to develop provision in-house, however whilst a need is recognised, no monies are able to be released from schools budgets and there is traditionally minimal spend for top-up from the HNS budget.
- Opening of Forest Bridge Free school in Maidenhead for ASD (ABA principles) is having an impact on some placements for Addington school. Parental preference and marginal cost difference (+3K) require preference to be agreed.
- Opening of Heathermount Non-maintained special school Foundation stage provision is also having an impact on further placements considered appropriate for Addington school. Cost difference (+30K) resulting in increase in disagreement resolution meetings between SEN Manager and parents and likely number of Tribunals increasing. Currently 4 parental requests.
- Impact of Southfield school

x 3 placements out of current placement searches not now considered suitable for Southfield. More complex needs with ASD
 x 3 current Y7 placements requested for change of placement

Tribunals

- LW – Addington placement appealing for ASD (ABA) special free school
- ZJ – Secondary transfer placement for MLD special school (Surrey) appealing for ASD Resource (BFBC) placement

5 Proposal for future
 2016/17 – Known new starters and Leavers

Starters Sept 2016	Cost £ K	Leavers 2016	Cost £ K
SEMH special day school x 3	160,000.00	Alternative Provision x2	52,000.00
ASD (ABA) special free school	18,000.00	SEMH special residential	20,000.00
ASD (ABA) special free school	34,000.00	SEMH special day	25,000.00
PD special school	120,000.00	ASD/SEMH special residential	30,000.00
		ASD special day placement x3	90,000.00
		SpLD special school	4,000.00
Post 16 starters		Post 16 leavers	
SEMH special Social care placements	150,000.00	PD special 38 week residential	50,000.00
		ASD special day school	22,000.00
Others known			
HI special school	40,000.00		
TOTAL	598,000.00	TOTAL	293,000.00
			-305,00.00

Recommendation

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