

Proposed High Needs Place Changes 2018/19 Academic Year

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Objective

To share with Schools Forum draft proposals for planned high needs places for the 2018/19 academic year

Linked to:

- Requirement for the LA to consult with Schools Forum over arrangements for high needs pupils
- Requirement for the LA to submit place change notifications relating to academies/FE colleges to the EFA by **17 November**
- LA simultaneously working with maintained settings on place numbers, although no requirement to submit to EFA

Background

- Purpose of the notification to the EFA is so that they can supply place funding direct to these settings, via a deduction to the LA's High Needs (HN) block allocation
- LAs also have the opportunity to submit to the EFA by requests for additional funding for growth in hospital education provision in the 2018/19 financial year, where there is evidence that this is linked to an increase in medical provision
- We will be submitting a request linked to the Hopewood Unit, a new 32 bed CAMHS in-patient unit which opens in Spring 2018

Approach

1. Identify where a place number change may be required taking into account;

- Current numbers
- Known leavers July 2018
- Anticipated/average new admissions
- Limits to physical capacity

2. Agree proposed changes with setting involved.
Discussions are still ongoing.

Key proposed changes

Setting	Place change	Comments
Nethergate Special Academy	+5	Post-16 places. Fund from existing post-16 FE budget.
Woodlands Special School	+6	Additional class of 6 (only 4 leavers in July)
Westbury Special School	+8	Additional class of 8
Rosehill Special School	+8	Additional class of 8 (only 3 leavers in July)
Bluecoat Primary SRU	+1	
TOTAL	+28	



Financial Implications

- The financial impact of the extra places and associated top-up funding on the high needs budget is estimated at **£0.317m** in **2018/19** . The full year effect in 2019/20 will be around £0.532m.
- This will be afforded from our gains under the new national HN funding formula.
- Our indicative HN funding increase for 2018/19 is **£1.049m**.
- Failure to provide sufficient places risks pupils having to be placed in more costly out of City provision.