



## **Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee**

**18<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

### **School Exclusions Update**

A report and presentation was presented to Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee in December 2017 that provided an overview of the work that had been undertaken to reduce the level of permanent exclusions from city schools and academies by multi agency Exclusions Working Group. This report provides an update on actions recommend by the Working Group and an overview of the situation at the end of the 2017/18 academic year.

#### **New Low Exclusion Model and Service Level Agreement**

A new devolved model for secondary academies, who commit to reducing their permanent exclusion numbers has been agreed and adopted by 10 of the city's 17 academies. These schools have committed to ensure that their permanent exclusion rate does not exceed a permitted quota in return for funding that must be used to develop their own inclusive practice. If any pupils are permanently excluded above the permitted number the academy will be liable to pay for the full cost of the pupils' subsequent alternative education – therefore acting as a disincentive to exclude pupils and incentivising a commitment to inclusive practice. The seven academies that have declined the opportunity have cited a number of reasons for doing so – but dialogue with them will continue in order to encourage wider engagement.

#### **Routes 2 Inclusion**

A model of early identification for primary age pupils at risk of future exclusion has been researched, piloted and evaluated and is being launched this term. It is hoped that the successful implementation of this programme will see a long-term reduction in exclusions.

#### **Team Around The School Piloting**

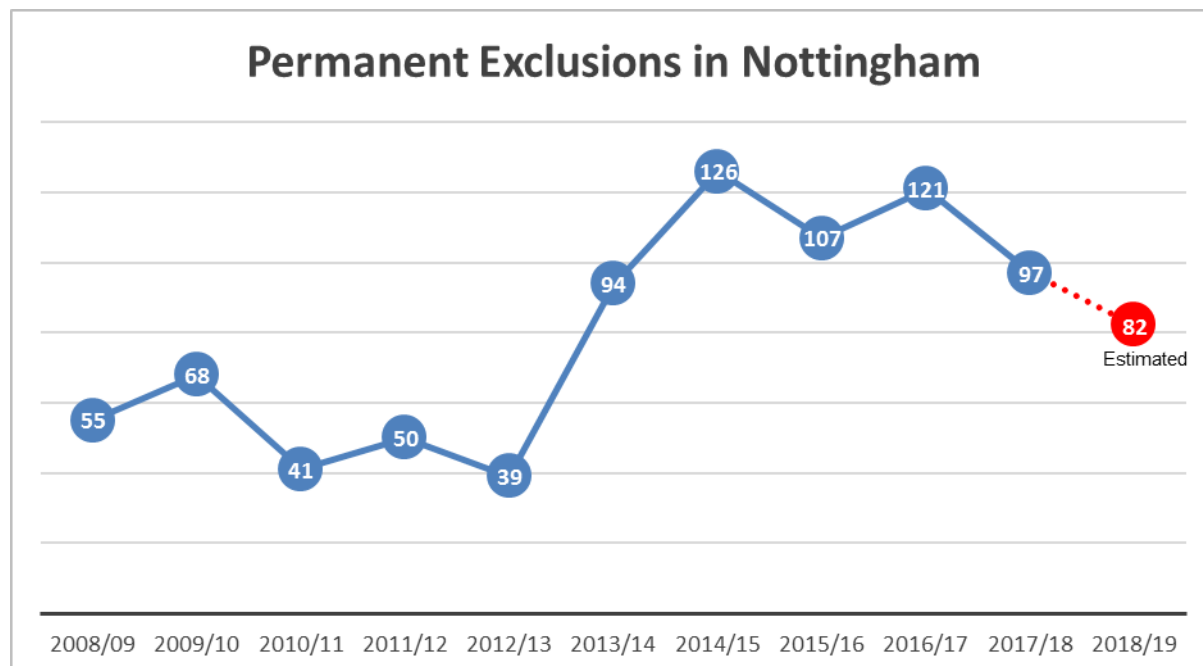
Building on the Priority Families model of identifying the wider domestic challenges that children and young people may be facing in their family life, which then translates into behaviour issues at school, a model of targeted multi-service/agency action planning and interventions has been piloted at both primary and secondary level. Extending the pilot into a wider rollout is currently underway.

#### **Parental support**

We are developing systems to support parents through the exclusion process. As secondary provision is run by academy trusts, the Local Authority has no right of access to exclusion panel meetings, but we can provide advice to parents to challenge schools decision to exclude. We are also developing robust guidance and new practice around part-time timetables and increased transparency of school exclusion data.

## Picture at end of 2017/18 Academic Year

There has been a reduction of 24 permanent exclusions (from 121 to 97) during the last academic year. The rate is still higher than the national rate but the gap between the national rate and the Nottingham rate has narrowed.



The tables below show the breakdown over time between primary and secondary phase exclusions and a breakdown of fixed term and permanent exclusions

Perm X	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Grand Total
Primary	8	10	8	6	12	21	19	15	24	15	12	150
Sec	47	58	33	44	27	73	107	92	97	82	70	730
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>880</b>

Exclusion Overview		YEAR		
Phase of Education	Category	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Primary	Fixed Period	285	337	254
	Permanent	15	24	15
<b>Primary Total</b>		<b>300</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>269</b>
Secondary	Fixed Period	1952	1596	1342
	Permanent	92	97	82
<b>Secondary Total</b>		<b>2044</b>	<b>1693</b>	<b>1424</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>2344</b>	<b>2054</b>	<b>1693</b>

## **Exclusions by Council Ward**

Information relating to the home location of excluded pupils is being prepared and will be shared at the CYP Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

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