

Education Funding Agency Funding Changes for Post 16 Education Other Than At School (Stratton, Riverside, Tuition Service) Pupils.

Schools Forum

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Wards:	All
Locality Affected:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To inform Schools Forum members about the changes to Education Funding Agency (EFA) funding regulations for learners who require additional high needs funding in post 16 organisations.
- 1.2 These proposals contribute towards delivering the Council Vision Priority “Offer education opportunities that lead to the right skills and right jobs in the right places.”

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Schools Forum is asked to:
- 2.2 Note that the LA is reviewing its practice in relation to learners from Stratton, Riverside and the Tuition Service as they progress into post 16 provision. .
- 2.3 Note that from January 2017 the Education Funding Agency (EFA) will only provide additional funding for post 19 pupils if they have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

3. Detail

Background

- 3.1 Historically the LA has provided additional high needs funding for all learners from Education Other Than At School (EOTAS) settings as they progress into post 16 education irrespective of their Special Education Need (SEN). This includes a one off payment to providers of £250 per pupil to support transition. The total cost to the high needs budget for 2015/16 was £508k for 102 students at an average of £4,983.45 per student. Following changes to legislation outlined in the 2014 Children and Families Act, Education Health and Care plans were introduced to replace statements and learning disability assessments for young people with SEND from 0-25.

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- 3.2 The majority of young people attending EOTAS provision do not have a statement or Education Health and Care Plan so would not normally be eligible for high needs funding in post 16 provision.
- 3.3 In order to ensure that those pupils with SEND receive the appropriate level of support post 16, all year 11 EOTAS pupils will be reviewed by January 2017. Where necessary a request for statutory assessment will be made to the SEN team to ensure that where required an EHCP is in place by the end of May 2017.

Members of the Schools Forum are now asked to:

- **Note that the LA is reviewing it's practice with regard to post 16 high needs funding for EOTAS pupils.**
- **Note that from September 2017 high needs funding will only be provided for those post 16 learners who have an Education Health and Care plan.**

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 There are no alternative options presented in this report.

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 In 2015/16 the total cost of supporting ex EOTAS students in their year 12 and year 13 studies was £508K, this funding is contained within the total DSG funding retained in Swindon to fund High Needs students.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 There are no legal or human rights implications arising from this report.

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 This report does not make any recommendations that affect these areas.

Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.4 The LA will ensure that all pupils in EOTAS provision are assessed for an EHCP where appropriate to ensure that those with SEND receive suitable support in post 16 provision.

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Risk Management

- 5.5 These changes will be shared with managers in early help services and with post 16 providers in November 2016 to enable alternative strategies to be in place for September 2017

6. Consultees

- 6.1 The Board Director Finance, Revenues, Benefits and Property (Section 151 Officer), Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) and Board Director – Commissioning (Director of Children Services) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 EFA funding regulations.
7.2 SEN Code of Practice 2015.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 None.