

Minute Item 12

In accordance with Standing Order 28, Mr Alastair Dixon-Patterson, Director of Finance and Operations, Lydiard Park Academy, submitted written questions regarding exclusion income and redistribution.

Questions:

The following question has been raised in advance of schools forum with a request that the answer be addressed as part of the October Schools Forum.

1. In the financial year 2016/2017 how much were schools charged for permanent exclusions under the charging policy approved by forum?
2. Of that money, how much 'money to follow the pupil' was paid to the school the pupil joined once a new place was allocated?
3. How does EOTAS calculate the funding it uses between exclusion and placement in the new school allocated?
 - a. What daily rate is applied?
 - b. How is that daily rate calculated?

Responses:

1. During 2016/17 schools were charged £291,084 for permanent exclusions in line with the policy agreed by Forum
2. During 2016/17 £17,081 was paid back to schools for successful reintegration of pupils.
3. EOTAS is commissioned to provide 112 places at £10,000 per place. The pupils at Stratton PRU are also funded based on the number of pupils on its role, at a high needs top-up rate of £45.79 per pupil per day. The exclusion income from schools is part of the overall High Needs budget, it does not form part of the EOTAS budget.
 - a. There is no direct link between the charge made to a school for a permanent exclusion and the amount paid to EOTAS. A secondary school is charged between £22.20 and £27.79 per day of exclusion, whereas EOTAS receives place funding plus high needs top-ups, for Stratton PRU the high needs top-up rate is £45.79 per day of provision.
 - b. If the pupil has a successful reintegration, the reintegration team will calculate how many days of BPPE funding remains and transfer this to the new school.