

School Forum 7th March 2013

High Cost SEN placements

At the School Forum meeting on 6th December Forum requested more details about High Cost SEN placements.

No details of individual placements have been included to avoid the possibility of child identification as there are very small numbers of pupils at individual schools.

Joint Funded Places

The budget for this in 2012/13 is £370k but forecast outturn is £688k. There are 11 pupils in 6 schools. They are all residential placements in this element of the budget and costs are shared between Education, Social Care and Health. These 11 account for the large majority (£565k) of the budget. There are 2 primary age pupils and 9 secondary age pupils. Many of these pupils have very significant needs and some placements are £80k per year.

Placement for these children are made after a multi disciplinary panel to consider the child's complete needs and the financial contributions for education, social care and health.

There is a £113k commitment towards the cost for the provision of education in residential provision for 9 Children Looked After - 2 primary and 7 secondary.

Independent Special Schools

The budget for 2012/13 was £860k .The projected spend is £1,077k.

This budget covers 42 pupils at 8 schools. Royal School for the Deaf – 2, West Of England – 5, Chelfham Mill – 2, Advance Education – 7, On Track – 23, and 3 miscellaneous.

They are all secondary age pupils. These pupils are placed after considerable discussion at a placement panel including representation from a variety of Education colleagues. All local options are fully explored prior to an out of area placement being considered.