

## School Forum 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013

### High Cost SEN placements

At the School Forum meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March Forum requested an update 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 was £370k but was increased in 2013/14 to £840k due to higher placement levels in 2012/13 and the outturn position. In 2012/13 there were 11 pupils in 6 schools. In 2013/14 there are 17 pupils in 9 schools. They are all residential placements in this element of the budget and costs are shared between Education, Social Care and Health. These 17 account for the large majority of the budget. They are all 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.

The projected forecast is that this budget will be at break even at year end.

### Independent Special Schools

The budget for 2012/13 was £860k. This was increased in 2013/14 to £1,060k to reflect the number of placements.

In 2012/13 this budget covered 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.

In September 2013 this budget covers 26 pupils as there were 17 summer leavers. The 26 are at 9 schools. Royal School for the Deaf – 2, West Of England – 5, Chelfham Mill – 2, Advance Education – 2, On Track – 13, and 5 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.

The projected end of year spend on this budget is £940k. Levels of placement will be taken into account when setting the 2014/15 budget.