

## **Report to School Forum regarding High Cost SEN placements**

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### **Joint Funded Placements**

The education component of the joint funded budget is £890,000 , with a forecast outturn of £990,000.

This currently consists of 22 children and young people, who are placed in various provisions across the country. The majority of the placements have been led by Social care, and are LAC. 19 of these are placed with the main area of need being Behaviour, Social and Emotional. The remaining 3 are children with very complex and profound multi learning disabilities (PMLD). These placements are jointly monitored by SEN colleagues and Social Care colleagues.

### **Independent School Placements**

The budget for this is £1,835,300, with a forecast outturn of £1,758 ,000.

There are currently 36 children and young people who are placed with various providers. The providers are primarily within Torbay or the neighbouring areas. 13 of these students are placed on grounds of their behaviour , social and emotional needs in 2 provisions which Torbay uses ; 5 are placed in provisions in Exeter which cater for pupils with a significant visual impairment, or significant hearing impairment; 3 are placed in provisions further away who cater for students with complex ASC ( Autism / Aspergers). The remaining students are Post 16 students who we place in Independent Providers where their complex needs are being met.

All these placements are closely monitored by the SEN Team, who regularly review the progress which is being made, and whether outcomes are being achieved.

### **Impact of SEND Reforms**

During the next 3 years all these students will be included in the conversion process which we are required to undertake by transferring all Statements of SEN to Education, Health and Care Plans.

As the legislation now covers the 0-25yr age range we will be required to consider any requests for further funding beyond the previous age of 19 yrs. There will need to be clear educational reasons why we would agree to these requests, however as this is a new requirement it is very difficult to predict how many requests will be received / agreed. Therefore this budget will need to be closely monitored and controlled.

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