

Schools Forum – 29th November 2018

Transitional Payment Arrangements for Discretionary Alternative Provision

Introduction

Due to the pressures on the High Needs Block; it is no longer appropriate for the provision of Assessment places at Burton or places within the Medical Tuition Service to be at no cost to the referring school.

It would also be unreasonable to expect schools to bear the full cost immediately on changing this policy.

This document states the transitional arrangements for charging for these services

The Current Position

There are currently the following numbers in each provision:

1. Burton Assessment Places – Eleven (Current max 3 from any one school)
2. Medical Tuition Service – Forty Three (Current max 8 from any one school)

Proposed Charges

In line with the recommendation to the Schools Forum the cost to schools for these placements at MTS will be £6,000 per academic year and £6,500 per Assessment Place (Burton).

This means that, for academic year 2018/19, we need to recover £329,500 with the most exposed school gaining a liability of £67,500.

As stated above this is an unreasonable expectation as an immediate expectation.

Charging Proposal

After the transitional period it is intended to charge for places in the following manner:

£540 per school week for Burton assessment places charged on completion.
£158 per school week for Medical Tuition Service places charged termly.

Recommendations

To allow schools to plan for these charges and/or make alternative arrangements it is recommended that the local authority charge for existing students at the following rate from January 2019 to March 2019. Full rate charging to commence on 1st April 2019.

£270 per week for Chestnut /Burton assessment places charged on completion. (Max £810/wk from any school)

£79 per week for Medical Tuition Service places charged termly. (Max £632/wk from any school)

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