

Proposal for Primary Phase Outreach Services

Introduction

After the recent paper reviewing Outreach Services, officers have worked with Mayfield - Chestnut staff to agree a service level agreement (SLA) for supporting Primary Schools with SEMH, ASC and those Learning Difficulties covered by the Mayfield Outreach provision.

This provision was budgeted at £183,742 after the recent Schools Forum decisions.

The current Outreach Provisions are stretched by demand and a service only exists on paper for ASC. Staffing has been affected by recruitment into local schools and a lack of certainty about the future of the Intensive Outreach Service.

The Previous Model

Role	Current
Head of Outreach	£51,991
SEMH HLTA x 3	£87,453
ASC Outreach HLTA 0.8 FTE	£18,300
MLD, SpLD, SLD 0.4 FTE	£21,000
Admin Support	£1,700
Management Support	£0
Total	£180,444

Staffing is in place for the whole model except ASC Outreach.

The number of children accessing support is below:

Behaviour Outreach

The geographical split of open cases is:

Torquay – 24, Paignton – 20, Brixham - 3

The service supported:

90 children in 2018/2019 – the last whole year

59 children in 2019/2020 to date with a further 15 on the waiting list. (74 total)

Given that there have been no referrals since April 1st, 2020 this would suggest that the demand for this service is growing.

The service is successful. Only one of this year's caseload has been permanently excluded. Only 2 others have shown no improvement in their behaviour.

Mayfield Learning Difficulties Outreach

18 children are currently supported within Paignton and Brixham

32 are currently supported in Torquay

The work to identify how long each case is worked for before closure and the current provision for this group showed quite variable support. This is now defined in the SLA.

Implementation

- An SLA has been agreed and signed by Mayfield and the Local Authority that details the service and the reporting and review processes.
- The DCO has agreed to host an interventions panel to monitor referrals.
- During the SLA conversations an uncosted management, resources and administration pressure was identified at £38,000 per annum
- Mayfield School has proposed that they share this cost pressure.

Recommendation

That Schools Forum authorise a total annual budget of £200,000 for this service. This is an increase of £16,258 from £183,742 that was originally allocated. Mayfield School will cover the remaining £21,742 of funding.