



**West
Northamptonshire
Council**

Schools Forum SEND Update

18 October 2023



1. Joint SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy
2. SEND Ranges
3. Additional SEND Capacity
4. SEND Funding Project
 - Public Consultation
 - Project update

Joint SEND & Alternative Provision Strategy

- The Strategy sets out the key priorities towards ensuring the West Northamptonshire Partnership better meets the needs of families over the next three years, and was co-produced with the involvement of more than 800 local people.



Integrated Care
Northamptonshire



- Launch event on 26 September @ Icon Centre in Daventry
- Event planned and managed by students from Creating Tomorrow College
- Attended by more than 500 parents, carers, health, care and education professionals
- Next steps : action plan refinement and implementation

Additional SEND Capacity : update

| <u>Type</u> | <u>#</u> | <u>Provider</u> | <u>Age group</u> | <u>Improvement</u> | <u>Places #</u> | <u>Timing</u> | <u>Comment</u> |
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| Units @ Mainstream Schools | 1 | Headlands | Primary | New | 10 | November 2022 | Open |
| | 2 | Hunsbury Park | Primary | New | 20 | October / November 2022 | Open |
| | 2 | Castle | Primary | New | 10 | January 2023 | Open |
| | 3 | Hardingstone | Primary | New | 10 | January 2023 | Open |
| | 4 | Moulton School | Secondary | New | 30 | January 2024 | |
| | 5 | Hunsbury Park / Chiltern | Primary | New | 55 | October 2023 & January 2024 | Phase 1 : Chiltern : Open Phase 2 : Hunsbury Park |
| | 7 | Millway | Primary | New | 20 | September 2024 | |
| Special Schools | 1 | Kings Meadow | Primary | Expansion | 16 | January 2024 | Phase #1 |
| | 2 | Purple Oaks | All Through | Expansion | 20 | By June 2024 | |
| | 3 | Northgate | Secondary | Expansion | 36 | September 2024 | |
| | 4 | Fairfields | Primary | New | 24 | September 2024 | |
| | 5 | Kings Meadow | Primary | Expansion | 16 | December 2024 | Phase #2 |
| | 6 | Gateway | Secondary | Expansion | 54 | December 2024 | |
| | 7 | Billing Brook | All Through | Expansion | 16 | TBC | |
| | 8 | New School @ Tiffield | All Through | New | 250 | September 2025 | |
| | | | | Total | 587 | | |

Note : there are on-going discussions with additional Education Providers for more places

- Multi-disciplinary training for settings 0-25 including Early Years , Schools & FE settings plus WNC
 - Autumn program development & implementation
- Moderation sessions with 0-25 example reviews
 - Pilot group moderation in June
 - Moderation Training in March 2024 > dates to be shared by Half-Term
- Panel application administration being amended to align with the SEND Ranges
 - EHC : Request For Statutory Assessment Application Form & Annual Review Form
 - Non-EHC / Targeted SEND Funding : Application Forms
- Implement – Learn – Refine

SEND Funding Public Consultation

Consultation on the SEND Funding Principles

1 September to 1 October



https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/cet/have_your_say_on_send_funding

Promotion, Reach & Engagement

Promotion

| Corporate Consultation | Corporate Social Media | Local Offer | NPFG | Education Provider | Other Channels |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Consultation Register | WNC Website article | Local Offer Facebook | NPFG Facebook | Early Years Connections | Council Members Bulletin |
| Residents Register | WNC Corporate Facebook | Local Offer Twitter | NPFG Instagram | Early Years Portal | WNC Staff Bulletin |
| e-residents newsletter | WNC Corporate Twitter | | NPFG Twitter | Head West (Schools) | Other WNC Partners staff communication |
| | | | NPFG Mailing List | FE Providers email | Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board |
| | | | | | Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust |

Promotion Channels*

- 47% Social Media / Local Offer
- 26% email
- 6% EY Connections / Head West

Reach

Engagement

Total* 35,000+

Consultation Landing Page
421 (1.2% apx)

Total Respondents
257

Submitted
172

Unsubmitted
85

*Final total still needs to be confirmed

*Based on All Respondents @ 257 > Submitted @ 172 & Unsubmitted @ 85

Consultation Headlines & Next Steps

| <u>“Funding Principle” Questions</u> | Submitted only <u>Strongly Agree / Agree*</u> | All <u>Strongly Agree / Agree*</u> |
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| 1. To what extent do you agree or disagree that funding for children and young people with SEND should be based on their level of need? | 91% | 70% |
| 2. To what extent do you agree or disagree that funding for children and young people with a higher level of need should receive a higher level of funding? | 92% | 71% |
| 3. To what extent do you agree or disagree that there should be a consistent methodology to allocate funding for all children and young people with SEND? | 85% | 66% |
| 4. To what extent do you agree or disagree that children and young people with SEND, that do not have an EHC Plan, should receive funding via their education setting? | 69% | 53% |

Respondents*

- 54% Parents & Carers (139)
- 1% Students with SEND (3)
- 16% Education settings (40)

Next steps

- Project Team visibility : share results summary with Steering Group, plus the 3 Education Sector Sub-groups
- Additional consultation responses : Quantitative & Qualitative (130+) > need to be collated, clustered and directed to the right WNC team and shared with the project team
- Post-consultation report : need to provide an overview of the main results to give some transparency to the councils business activities and provide detail to those interested of the main results

Financial Modelling & Funding Recommendations : update

| <u>Sector</u> | <u>Targeted SEND Funding</u> | <u>Education Banding Tool (RAS)</u> |
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| Early Years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WNC funding options x4 consulted with Sub-group WNC evaluation of feedback Ben Pearson / Councillor Baker / CDMT review Recommendation to Sub-group @ 10 October Schools Forum consultation @ 18 October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banding values still being evaluated by WNC Ben Pearson / Councillor Baker / CDMT review Consultation & feedback with Sub-group @ TBC Schools Forum consultation @ 13 December planned |
| Mainstream Schools* > primary, secondary & 16+ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WNC recommendation consulted with Sub-group WNC evaluation of feedback Ben Pearson / Councillor Baker / CDMT review Sub-group further discussion @ 11 October Schools Forum consultation @ 18 October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banding values still being evaluated by WNC Ben Pearson / Councillor Baker / CDMT review Consultation & feedback with Sub-group @ TBC Schools Forum consultation @ 13 December planned |
| Units & Mainstream Schools* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Mainstream Schools above | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banding values still being evaluated by WNC Ben Pearson / Councillor Baker / CDMT review Consultation & feedback with Sub-group @ TBC Schools Forum consultation @ 13 December planned |
| Special Schools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 4 : Options to be reviewed in early Q1 2024 |
| Further Education** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding options still being identified by WNC Ben Pearson / Councillor Baker / CDMT review Consultation & feedback with Sub-group @ TBC Schools Forum consultation @ 13 December planned | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banding values still being evaluated by WNC Ben Pearson / Councillor Baker / CDMT review Consultation & feedback with Sub-group @ TBC Schools Forum consultation @ 13 December planned |

*Independent Schools are not in scope

**Excluding Specialist Post 16 Institutes

Note : CDMT = Children's Directorate Management Team

Panel Terms of Reference & Application Forms : update

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| Early Years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel TOR : need to finalise and share with sub-group • Application Form : revised draft being tested • Guidance notes / FAQs being developed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised Requested For Statutory Assessment Form is being amended to align with the SEND Ranges • Annual Review Form also being reviewed |
| Mainstream Schools > primary, secondary & 16+ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel TOR : need to finalise and share with sub-group • Application Form : revised draft being tested • Guidance notes / FAQs being developed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as Early Years |
| Units & Mainstream Schools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as Mainstream Schools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as Early Years |
| Special Schools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as Early Years |
| Further Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope and timeline for review needs to be confirmed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as Early Years |

- SEND Funding Public Consultation
 - Results support the “Funding Principles” of the project
 - Further analysis of quantitative and qualitative results needed > integrate into project plan
- On-going review of SEND funding options with the principle that “the funding follows the needs, and is fair and transparent” plus WNC Budget impact is being evaluated
- Payment changes
 - Early Years from 1 April 2024
 - Mainstream Schools & Units from 1 April 2024
 - Further Education from 1 August 2024
- Process improvements & application documentation improvements to be launched after consultation / co-production with education sector sub-groups
 - Launch dates are flexible
 - Comprehensive guidance notes / FAQs are being developed
- Communication campaign is on-going & Training topics being identified