



**West  
Northamptonshire  
Council**

# **Schools Forum High Needs Funding / SEND Update**

**13 December 2023 V2**



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# Joint SEND & Alternative Provision Strategy



- Workstream meeting program in place supported by the colleagues across the partnership plus representatives for Education Settings
- Over 130 colleagues across the 7 workstreams
- Workstream schedule live for remainder of academic year > Strategy year 1
- Delivery Plan reviewed & refined by workstreams > actions, owners and deadlines identified
- Self Evaluation Framework assessment underway for each workstream
- Project Governance > progress review at monthly SEND Improvement Board
- Early successes > engagement and commitment from the partnership & settings

# SEND Ranges

- Multi-disciplinary training for settings 0-25 including Early Years , Schools & FE settings plus WNC
  - See schedule
- Moderation sessions with 0-25 example reviews proposed for March 2024
  - See schedule
- Panel application administration being amended to align with the SEND Ranges
  - EHC : Request For Statutory Assessment Application Form & Annual Review Form > on test
  - Non-EHC / Targeted SEND Funding : Application Forms > on test
- Implement – Learn – Refine

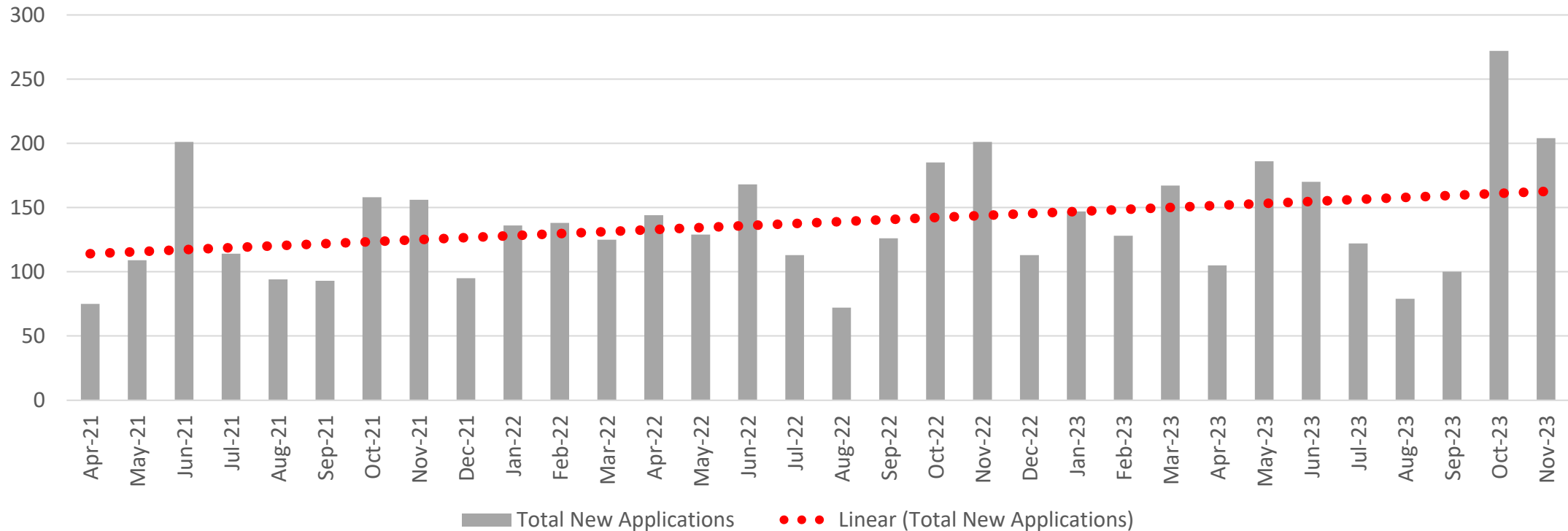
# SEND Ranges Training Schedule

1	08 December 2023	TBC	All	Meeting to further discuss training as part of the workstream
2	11 January 2024	10.00 to 12.00	All	HI/VI and The SEND Ranges, by Jacqui Joseph and her team linked into the graduated approach
3	18 January 2024	10.00 to 12.00	Primary	Understanding The Ranges
4	18 January 2024	10.00 to 12.00	Early Years	Understanding The Ranges
5	19 January 2024	10.00 to 12.00	Heads, CEOs and Senior Leaders	SEND - For Heads, CEOs and Senior Leaders - Understanding of the systems and processes and the role of the SENDCO
6	25 January 2024	10.00 to 12.00	Secondary	Understanding The Ranges
7	01 February 2024	10.00 to 12.00	Primary	Understanding The Ranges
8	01 February 2024	13.00 to 15.00	Early Years	Understanding The Ranges
9	08 February 2024	10.00 to 12.00	Primary	ASD, Inclusive teaching strategies and The Ranges - PROPOSED
10	08 February 2024	13.00 to 15.00	Early Years	ASD, Inclusion and The Ranges - PROPOSED
11	29 February 2024	10.00 to 12.00	Primary	Adaptive Teaching and The Ranges
12	29 February 2024	13.00 to 15.00	Early Years	Adaptive Teaching and The Ranges
13	07 March 2024	10.00 to 12.00	Early Years	Adaptive Teaching and The Ranges
14	07 March 2024	13.00 to 15.00	Primary	Adaptive Teaching and The Ranges
15	21 March 2024	10.00 to 12.00	All	Moderation Event - Education - ALL settings including Special Schools, Healthcare, NC Trust, parents and carers, Local Authority SEND support services, EHCP Managers and Officers. PROPOSED

Note more dates still to be added for Early Years & Further Education

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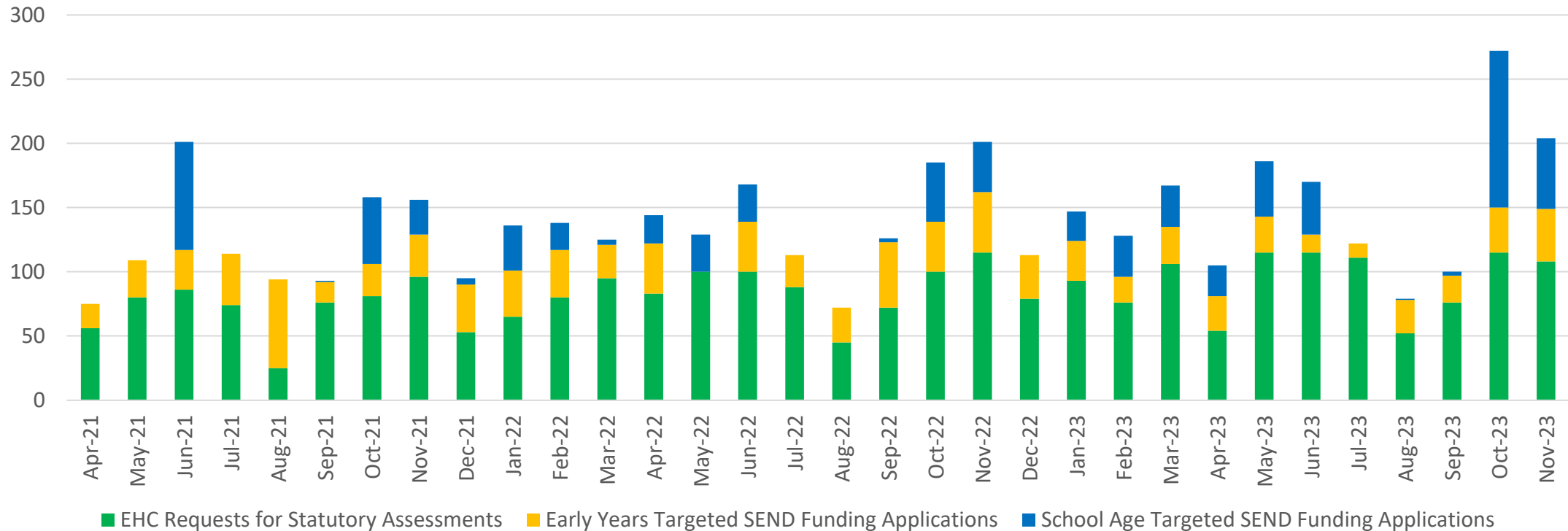


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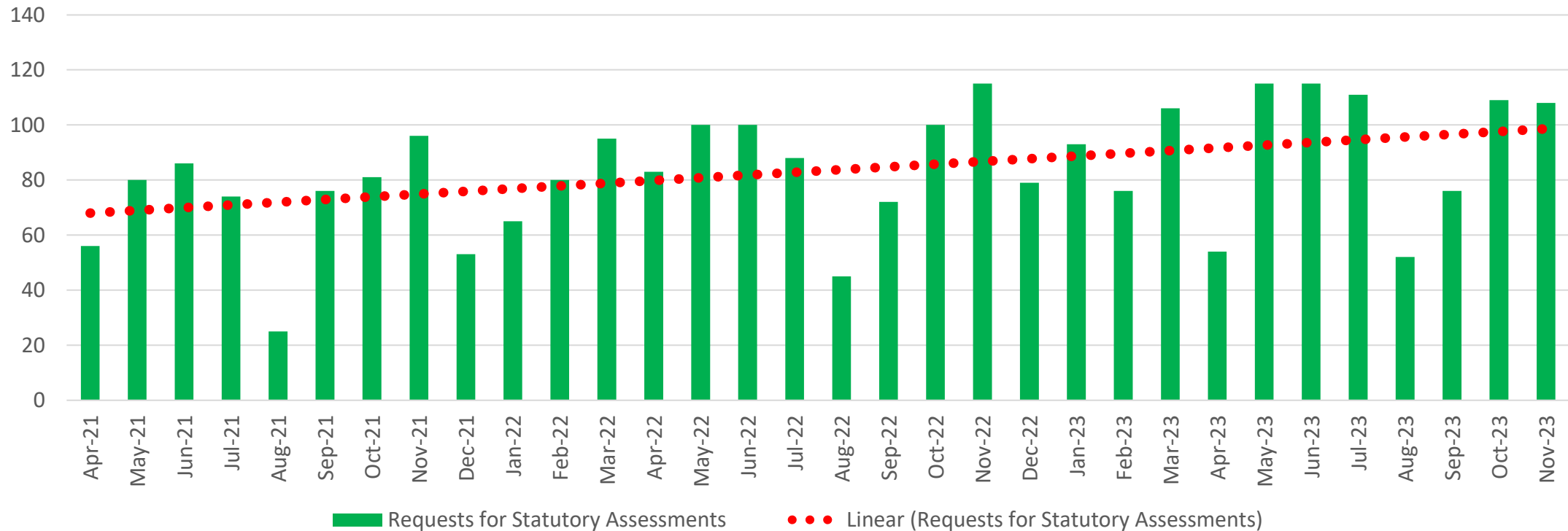
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# EHC Plan Panel Monthly Applications since April 2021

## > Requests for Statutory Assessment

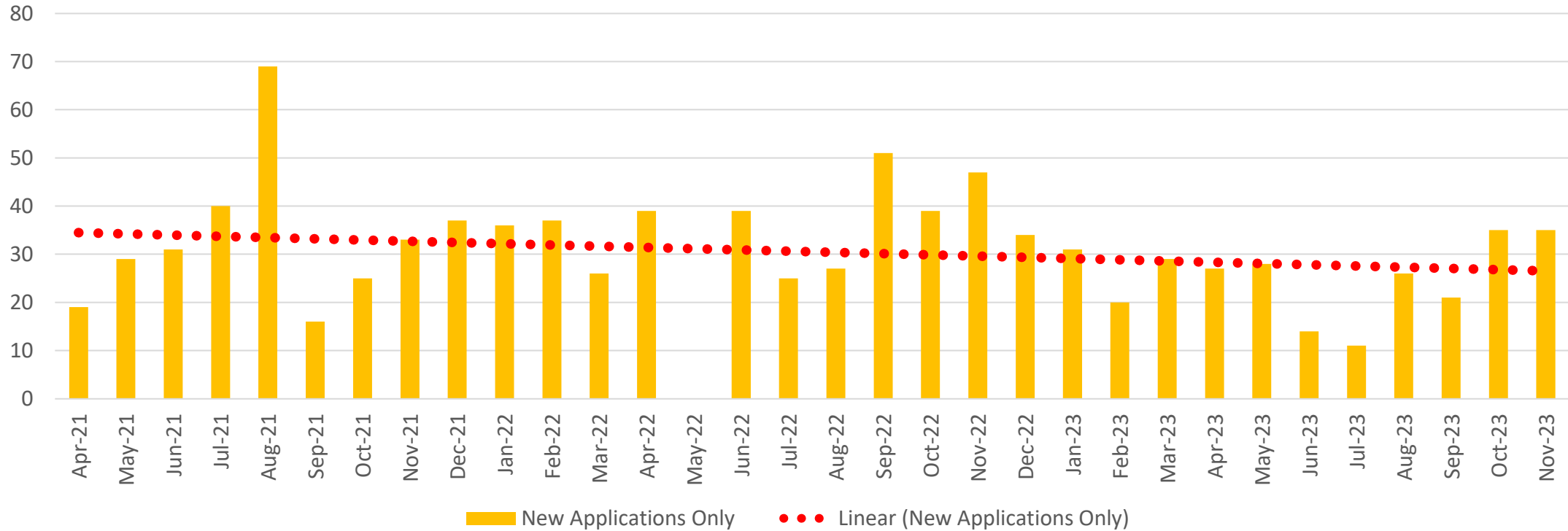
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# Non-EHC Plan : Targeted SEND Funding : Early Years New Applications since April 2021

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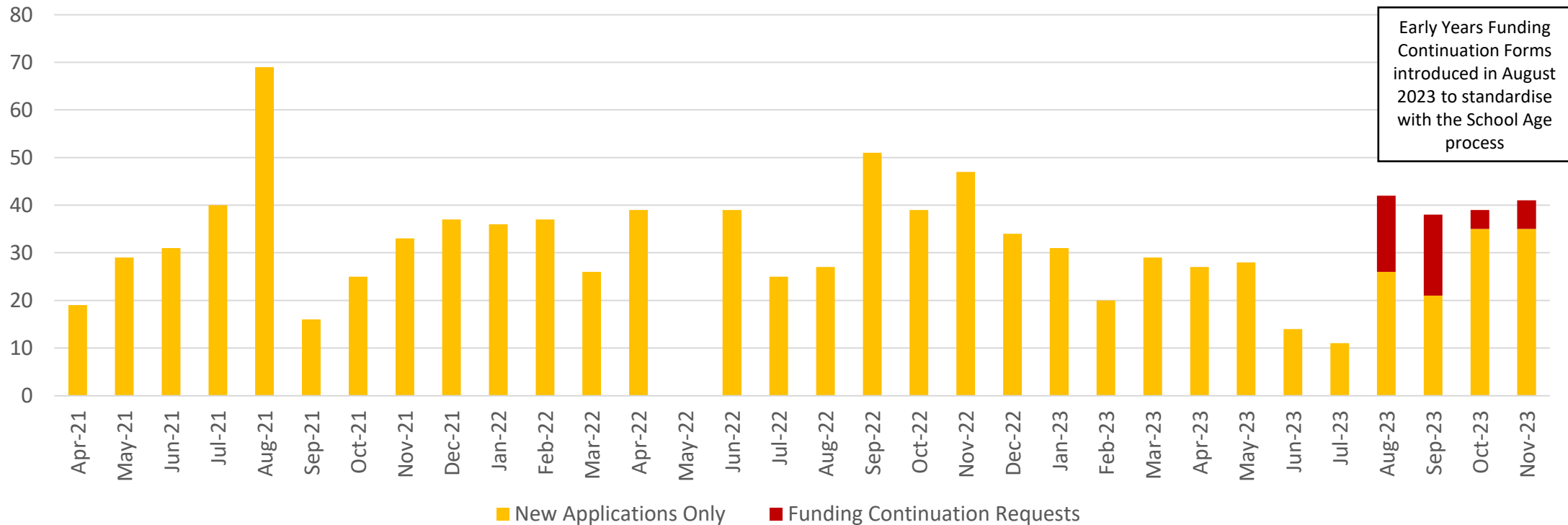


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Source : WNC Early Education and Childcare Support Team  
May 2022 : Online application form was taken off website. No panel meeting took place

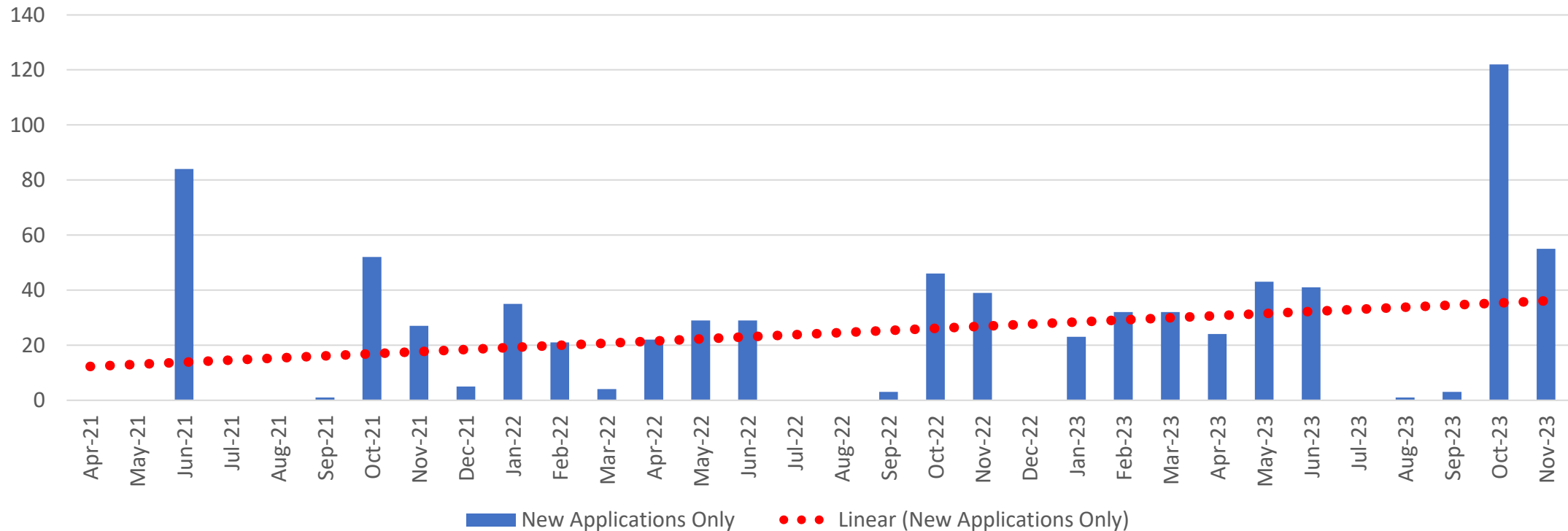
# Non-EHC Plan : Targeted SEND Funding : Early Years New Applications & Continuation Requests since April 2021

New Applications & Funding Continuation Requests  
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# Non-EHC Plan : Targeted SEND Funding : School Age New Applications since April 2021

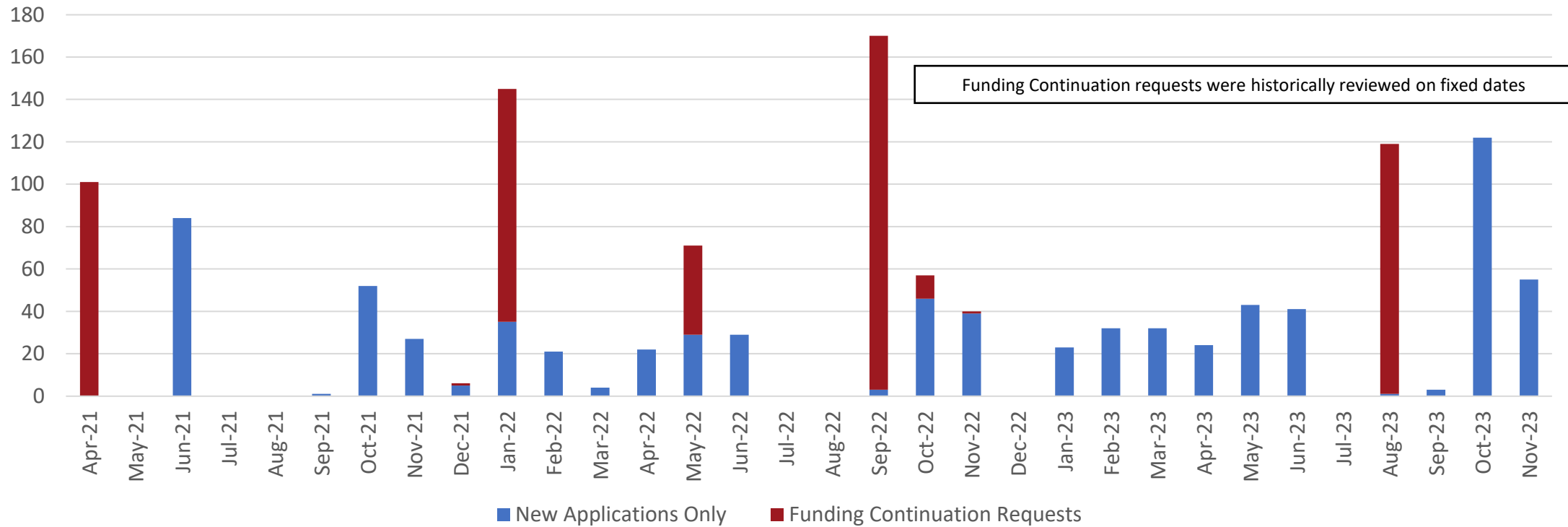
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# SEND Additional Capacity

Type	#	Provider	Age group	Improvement	Places #	Timing	Comment
Mainstream Schools	1	Hunsbury Park	Primary	New	20	October / November 2022	Open Phase #1
	2	Headlands	Primary	New	10	November 2022	Open
	3	Castle	Primary	New	10	January 2023	Open
	4	Hardingstone	Primary	New	10	January 2023	Open
	5	Moulton School	Secondary	New	30	January 2024	
	6	Hunsbury Park unit expansion	Primary	New	10	February 2024	Phase #2
	7	Hunsbury unit on Chiltern site (satellite unit)	Primary	New	30	October 2023	Open Phase #1
	8	Hunsbury unit on Chiltern site (satellite unit)	Primary	New	15	September 2024	Phase #2
Special Schools	1	Kings Meadow	Primary	Expansion	16	January 2024	Phase #1
	2	Purple Oaks	All Through	Expansion for P-16	20	By June 2024	
	3	Northgate	Secondary	Expansion	36	September 2024	
	4	Fairfields	Primary	New	24	TBC	
	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	
Further Education	1	CTC Daventry	Post 16	New	8	September 2023	Open
	2	Wieducate	Post 18	New	10	October 2023	Open
					Total	585	

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

# SEND Additional Capacity : Mainstream Schools

2022			2023												2024								
Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
<p>Hunsbury Park Primary Reception KS1 &amp; KS2 Oct &amp; Nov #20</p>		<p>Castle Primary Reception &amp; KS1 Jan #10</p>										<p>Hunsbury Park Unit On Chiltern Site (Satellite Unit) Primary Feb #30</p>				<p>Hunsbury Park Unit Expansion Primary Feb #10</p>						<p>Hunsbury Park Unit On Chiltern Site (Satellite Unit) Primary Sep #15</p>	
<p>Headlands Primary Reception KS1 &amp; KS2 Nov #10</p>		<p>Hardingstone Primary KS2 Jan #10</p>														<p>Moulton School Secondary KS3 &amp; KS4 Jan #30</p>							

Open

Planned

# SEND Additional Capacity : Special Schools

2024												2025															
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep							
Kings Meadow Primary KS1 & KS2 Jan #16						Purple Oaks Post 16 KS5 Jun #20					Northgate Secondary KS3 & KS4 Sep #36					Kings Meadow Primary KS1 & KS2 Dec #16					Gateway Secondary KS3 & KS4 Dec #54					<b>New</b> Tiffield All through Reception to KS5 Sep #250	

Billingbrook (All Through) expansion of 16 Places : timing TBC

Fairfields (Primary) New Unit of 24 places : timing TBC

Open

Planned

# SEND Additional Capacity : Further Education

2023				2024								
<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>
CTC Daventry Post 18 September #8	Wieducate Post 16 KS5 October #10											

Open

Planned



# Panel Terms of Reference & Application Forms

<u>Sector</u>	<u>Targeted SEND Funding</u>	<u>Education Banding Tool (RAS)</u>
Early Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panel Terms Of Reference need to finalised after application form is approved and share with Sub-group</li> <li>Application Form : revised draft on test</li> <li>Funding Continuation Form now implemented</li> <li>Guidance notes / FAQs being developed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised Requested For Statutory Assessment Form is being amended to align with the SEND Ranges &gt; on test</li> <li>Annual Review Form also being reviewed &gt; on test</li> </ul>
Mainstream Schools > primary, secondary & 16+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panel Terms Of Reference need to finalised after application form is approved and share with Sub-group</li> <li>Application Form : revised draft on test</li> <li>Guidance notes / FAQs being developed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as Early Years</li> </ul>
Units at Mainstream Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not applicable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as Early Years</li> </ul>
Further Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Needs Cost Form feedback received from the sector</li> <li>Timing for next steps need to be agreed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as Early Years</li> </ul>
Special Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not applicable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as Early Years</li> </ul>

<u>Sector</u>	<u>Targeted SEND Funding</u>	<u>Education Banding Tool (RAS)</u>
Early Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2024/2025 Early Years budget review / reconciliation delayed due to late confirmation of 2024/2025 budget</li> <li>• Communication of new rate to Sub-group delayed</li> <li>• Schools Forum consultation needed</li> <li>• Communication of new rate to EY Sector needed</li> <li>• Implementation from 1 April 2024</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Banding values still being evaluated by WNC</li> <li>• Ben Pearson / Councillor Baker / CDMT review needed</li> <li>• Consultation &amp; feedback with Sub-group needed</li> <li>• Schools Forum consultation needed</li> <li>• Communication to needed Sector needed</li> <li>• Training for parents / carers and all education sectors needed</li> <li>• Phased implementation from 1 April 2024</li> </ul>
Mainstream Schools* > primary, secondary & 16+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ben Pearson / Councillor Baker / CDMT approval</li> <li>• Sub-group agreement of rates aligned with SEND Ranges</li> <li>• Schools Forum consultation @ 13 December</li> <li>• Communication of new rate to Schools Sector needed</li> <li>• Implementation from 1 April 2024</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Early Years</li> </ul>
Units at Mainstream Schools*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not applicable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Early Years</li> </ul>
Further Education**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement with FE Sector representatives to continue the current allocation system for an additional year</li> <li>• WNC to run new banding system alongside for this additional year</li> <li>• Implementation is now scheduled for 1 August 2025</li> <li>• Opportunity               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To make informed decisions on Targeted SEND Funding and EHC Banding Values based on accurate data</li> <li>○ To design and embed process changes and improvements</li> <li>○ To calculate payment change impact and ensure smoother transition to new system</li> <li>○ To understand lessons learned from Early Years &amp; Schools launch and identify improvements for the Further Education launch</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Special Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not applicable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 4 : Implementation Plan to be reviewed in early 2024</li> </ul>

\*Excludes Independent Schools

\*\*Excluding Specialist Post 16 Institutes

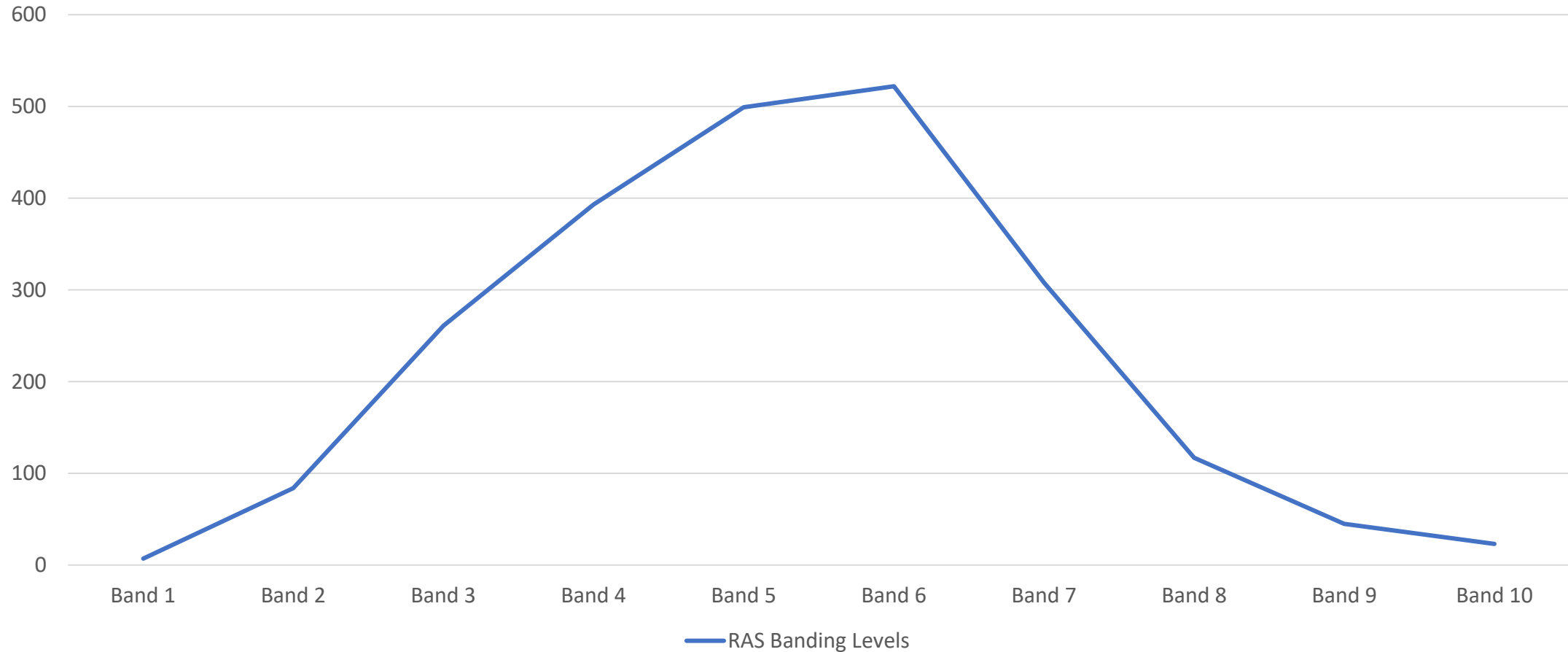
Note : CDMT = Children's Directorate Management Team

# Education Banding Tool (RAS) Implementation

<u>Sector</u>	<u>V4 Needs Profile Forms Status</u>	<u>New Payment Implementation</u>
Early Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All V4 forms completed by Caseworkers</li> <li>Early February moderation completion date estimate</li> <li>Data audits to be implemented</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding review on a setting by setting basis</li> <li>New payment calculation (including payment protection)</li> <li>Communication of new payment to setting</li> <li>New payments from 1 April 2024 &gt; phased</li> </ul>
Mainstream Schools* > primary, secondary & 16+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All V4 forms completed by Caseworkers</li> <li>Early February moderation completion date estimate</li> <li>Data audits to be implemented</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as Early Years</li> </ul>
Units at Mainstream Schools*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New category set up specifically for WNC with vendor</li> <li>Pupil numbers are currently included within the Mainstream Schools total</li> <li>Unit data will be confirmed when moderation is complete</li> <li>Data audits to be implemented</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as Early Years</li> </ul>
Independent Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 3</li> <li>Balance to be completed &amp; moderated after Mainstream Schools and Units are completed &amp; moderated</li> <li>Estimated completion by early May</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Out of Scope</li> </ul>
Further Education**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 3</li> <li>Balance to be completed &amp; moderated after Mainstream Schools and Units are completed &amp; moderated</li> <li>Estimated completion by early May</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding review on a setting by setting basis</li> <li>New payment calculation (including payment protection)</li> <li>Communication of new payment to providers</li> <li>New payments on 1 August 2025 &gt; not phased</li> </ul>
Special Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 4</li> <li>Balance to be completed &amp; moderated after FE is completed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detailed timing plan to be developed in Q1 2024</li> </ul>

# EHC Plan Education Banding Tool : Total RAS Banding Levels @ 23 November

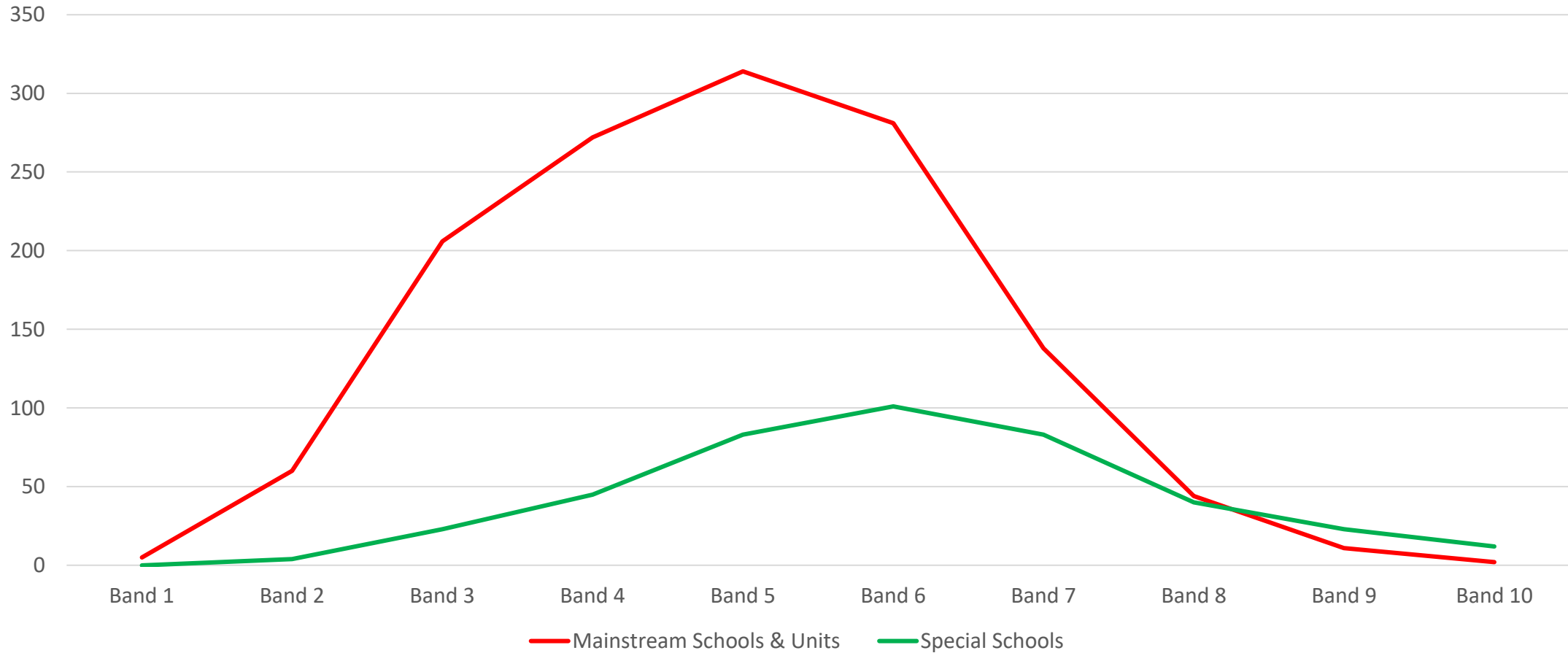
Total RAS Banding Levels @ 23 November



Source : Imosphere Formulate For SEND Reporting Tool  
Includes 2,259 EHC Plans completed so far using Needs Profile Form V4 (65% of the current total of 3,482)

# EHC Plan Education Banding Tool : Mainstream & Units plus Special Schools RAS Banding Levels @ 23 Nov

RAS Banding Levels @ 23 November



Source : Imosphere Formulate For SEND Reporting Tool

Data for Mainstream Schools & Units at Mainstream Schools will be split in early 2024. 1,333/ 1,532 (87%) completed  
 Special Schools 414 / 1,401 (30%) completed to date

# SEND Funding Project Summary

- Funding panel documents & improvements, application documentation improvements, process improvements, to be launched after consultation / co-production with education sector sub-groups
  - Launch dates are flexible
  - Comprehensive guidance notes / FAQs are being developed
  - WNC website content (including Local Offer content) needs to be updated
- Payment changes
  - Early Years from 1 April 2024 > phased implementation
  - Mainstream Schools & Units from 1 April 2024 > phased implementation
  - Further Education from 1 August 2025 > additional year for the current allocation system
  - Special Schools > detailed timeline to be agreed in Q1 2024
- Targeted SEND Funding Outcome Tracking review
  - Phase 2 > start when payment changes are confirmed
- Communication campaign / Communication Plan update > on-going
- Training topics being identified / Training Plan update > on-going