



High Needs Updates Schools Forum

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Local and National Data

- 3566 EHC Plans maintained in Dec 2023
- Slower growth of EHCP's, new EHCPs as % of total EHCPs is 0.7% compared to 1.3%-1.8% between August and November 2023
- 50% of EHCP's issued within 20 weeks, in line with national picture
- 2404 CYP with EHCP's in Lewisham provisions-increased; 1106 in OOB provisions
- no current placement -in-between settings and receiving tuition/alternative provision : reduced from 134 in August, 97 in Sept to 56 in December.
- Number of pupils with EHCPs in independent/non-maintained specialist schools (I/N-MSS) over the last three years: 2021-203; 2022- 195; 2023-184
- 37.7% of our learners with EHCP are in specialist provision



Updates

- SEN Support Funding

Based on feedback at the last SEND High Needs Subgroup, it has been agreed that a session will be offered in the Spring Term to all Headteachers to advise on the funding available to individual schools.

- DfE's Delivering Better Value Programme

Grant application for £1 million submitted on the 21.12.23, first phase of assurer work from Newton and DfE has taken place, LA is currently revising minor changes to the bid. Feedback so far from assurers has been very positive with the risk rating provided only identifying three 'red's.

- Commissioning Intentions SEN Places

A detailed report will be presented to Schools Forum in June 2024 to advise on the LA's commissioning intentions related to SEN places for the future year/years