



Schools Forum

Proposals re funding for school exclusions

Agenda item 5

Excluded pupils - Overview

- Numbers have significantly increased during the academic year 2017/2018 in some areas of the county.
- AP provision costs in the region (including place funding) of £20k p.a per pupil
- Permanently excluded pupils place additional financial pressures on the DSG and impacts on educational attainment
- The LA recognises that the majority of schools aim to be inclusive and work hard to include all pupils. However a number of schools are high excluders and this has a significant impact both on the pupils and high needs costs.



Funding for excluded pupils

- Funding of provision for pupils at risk of exclusion and following permanent exclusion is currently under review both nationally and locally.
- The recently published paper **Forgotten Children: alternative provision and the scandal of ever increasing exclusions.**
- Presents a range of recommendations for central government to take forward as part of Edward Timpson's exclusion review.
- The following are just some of the points being considered.



Recommendations from The Forgotten Children Report

- *The Timpson Exclusions Review should ensure that it looks at the trends in exclusion by school type, location and pupil demographics.*
- *The Timpson Exclusions Review should examine whether financial pressures and accountability measures in schools are preventing schools from providing early intervention support and contributing to the exclusion crisis.*
- *The Government should issue guidance to all schools reminding them of their responsibilities to children under treaty obligations and ensure that their behaviour policies are in line with these responsibilities.*
- *The Government and Ofsted should introduce an inclusion measure or criteria that sits within schools to incentivise schools to be more inclusive*

Recommendations from The Forgotten Children Report

- *We recommend that the Government should change the weighting of Progress 8 and other accountability measures to take account of every pupil who had spent time at a school, in proportion to the amount of time they spent there. This should be done alongside reform of Progress 8 measures to take account of outliers and to incentivise inclusivity.*
- *Schools should publish their permanent and fixed term exclusion rates by year group every term, including providing information about pupils with SEND and looked-after children. Schools should also publish data on the number of pupils who have left the school.*



Recommendations from The Forgotten Children Report

- *Where responsibility sits for excluded children in a local area has become very ambiguous. The Timpson Exclusions Review needs to clarify whose responsibility it is to ensure that excluded or off-rolled pupils are being properly educated. This could be the local authority or it could be local school partnerships, but at the moment too many pupils are falling through the net.*

Current Picture.

We know that :

- Significant changes to the arrangements for excluded pupils ; including responsibilities between schools and the LA is high on the agenda of central government and regulators
- High Needs Funding is under significant pressure.
- Some schools and areas of the county have significantly higher numbers of permanently excluded pupils than other similar schools and areas
- Outcomes for excluded pupils are not good.

Where we are

- The impact of the high rate of permanent exclusions on the High Needs Block and concerns regarding the impact on individual children and young people have been discussed at Forum and Children Scrutiny Committee in 2017 and 2018
- The exclusion figures for 2017-2018 have significantly increased in some parts of the county and reduced in others.
- The outcome is however an overall increase in the number of pupils excluded last academic year.
- This may result in a need to consult on transferring further funds from the schools block in 2019-20 (above the 0.5% already proposed) and lead to a further reduction in schools funding formula allocations
- The pressures on funding means we have to do something significantly different.

Rate of exclusion incidents as a % of pupils on roll

- Permanent Exclusions - Primary

Primary	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18
Corby	0.07%	0.06%	0.01%	0.07%
Daventry	0.05%	0.00%	0.09%	0.00%
East Northants	0.02%	0.01%	0.04%	0.10%
Kettering	0.13%	0.01%	0.03%	0.07%
Northampton	0.07%	0.02%	0.04%	0.02%
South Northants	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%
Wellingborough	0.04%	0.01%	0.07%	0.11%
Special	0.00%	0.00%	0.18%	0.15%
Northamptonshire	0.06%	0.02%	0.04%	0.05%



Number of exclusion incidents of pupils on roll

- Permanent Exclusions - Primary

Primary	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18
Corby	4	4	1	5
Daventry	3	0	6	0
East Northants	1	1	3	7
Kettering	11	1	3	6
Northampton	11	3	7	3
South Northants	1	1	1	2
Wellingborough	3	1	5	8
Special	0	0	1	1
Northamptonshire	34	11	27	32

Rate of exclusion incidents as a % of pupils on roll

- Permanent Exclusions – Secondary

Secondary	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18
Corby	0.23%	0.30%	0.25%	0.41%
Daventry	0.23%	0.21%	0.08%	0.27%
East Northants	0.19%	0.10%	0.48%	0.63%
Kettering	0.31%	0.21%	0.31%	0.17%
Northampton	0.34%	0.23%	0.31%	0.16%
South Northants	0.20%	0.13%	0.23%	0.24%
Wellingborough	0.41%	0.43%	0.40%	0.46%
Special	0.00%	0.00%	0.12%	0.46%
Northamptonshire	0.27%	0.22%	0.29%	0.30%

Number of exclusion incidents of pupils on roll

- Permanent Exclusions - Secondary

Secondary	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18
Corby	9	12	10	17
Daventry	9	8	3	10
East Northants	8	4	19	25
Kettering	17	12	18	10
Northampton	33	23	32	17
South Northants	13	8	15	16
Wellingborough	16	17	16	19
Special			1	4
Northamptonshire	105	84	114	118



Rate of exclusion incidents as a % of pupils on roll

- Fixed Exclusions - Primary

Primary	14/15	15/16	16/17
Corby	0.57%	0.97%	1.79%
Daventry	1.30%	1.60%	2.21%
East Northants	0.72%	0.59%	3.15%
Kettering	0.76%	1.86%	1.16%
Northampton	0.63%	1.10%	1.55%
South Northants	0.43%	0.59%	0.85%
Wellingborough	3.70%	3.20%	4.57%
Special	1.81%	1.78%	10.49%
Northamptonshire	1.05%	1.35%	2.06%



Rate of exclusion incidents

- Fixed Exclusions - Primary

Primary	14/15	15/16	16/17
Corby	35	65	124
Daventry	80	102	142
East Northants	46	40	220
Kettering	62	165	106
Northampton	104	199	290
South Northants	40	57	83
Wellingborough	259	228	332
Special	8	9	58
Northamptonshire	634	865	1355

Rate of exclusion incidents as a % of pupils on roll

- Fixed Exclusions - Secondary

Secondary	14/15	15/16	16/17
Corby	10.91%	13.25%	11.72%
Daventry	7.98%	10.16%	7.54%
East Northants	6.52%	9.32%	12.47%
Kettering	7.29%	7.57%	9.72%
Northampton	13.23%	10.65%	12.88%
South Northants	4.53%	7.72%	8.14%
Wellingborough	7.31%	7.82%	6.96%
Special	17.08%	28.95%	30.60%
Northamptonshire	8.88%	9.86%	10.72%

Rate of exclusion incidents

- Fixed Exclusions - Secondary

Secondary	14/15	15/16	16/17
Corby	429	528	471
Daventry	316	384	278
East Northants	273	376	498
Kettering	402	428	557
Northampton	1297	1056	1320
South Northants	290	491	522
Wellingborough	284	307	278
Special	118	216	246
Northamptonshire	3409	3786	4170

Proposals

We are therefore proposing to conduct a consultation with all schools

Outlining the following two alternative proposals :-

1) That for the first two pupils excluded in an academic year the current financial arrangements will remain in place. (clawback of £3k plus pro rata AWPU to end of financial year)

For any subsequent excluded pupils (>2) the cost of alternative provision will be charged to the school for 12 months. This will be approximately £20,000 which is the average cost of AP currently funded.

These additional clawbacks would be applied and be used to fund AP



Proposals (cont)

Or,

b) That an additional transfer (above the 0.5%) from the primary and secondary element of the schools block would be made to the AP high needs budget in 2019-20. This would then be submitted to the Sec of State for approval and application in 2019-20.