

Appendix 6 – Record of Public Meetings Held

The following public meetings were arranged setting out details of the proposed changes and the giving attendees the opportunity to ask questions about Specialist Provision for Primary and Secondary Aged Learners with Emotional Health and Wellbeing Needs and Specialist Provision for Primary Aged Learners with Complex Learning Needs and / or Autism.

Attendees were asked to confirm their attendance in advance. Where there were no requests to attend the meeting, the meeting did not go ahead.

- In person Consultation Meeting, Central Library, The Hayes – 11 January 2024
- Online Consultation Meeting, via Microsoft Teams (Welsh) – 15 January 2024
- Online Consultation Meeting, via Microsoft Teams (English) – 15 January 2024



**Schools Programme
Additional Learning Needs Provision
Central Library (The Hayes)
11 January 2024 at 5pm**



Arrangements were made for an in-person public meeting setting out details of the proposed changes and the opportunity to ask questions through the medium of English and Welsh.

There were no requests to attend, and the meeting did not go ahead.



**Schools Programme
Additional Learning Needs Provision
Online Public Meeting (Welsh)
15 January 2024 at 5:30pm**



Arrangements were made for an online public meeting setting out details of the proposed changes and the opportunity to ask questions through the medium of Welsh.

There were no requests to attend, and the meeting did not go ahead.



**Schools Programme
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Online Public Meeting (English)
16 January 2024 at 5:30pm**



Present: Brett Andrewartha (SOP), Jennie Hughes (Inclusion), Ceri Tanti (SOP), meeting attendee.

Please note: The following is not a transcript but a contemporaneous note of the meeting

The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams

Welcome and Introductions

BA welcomed the member of the public to the meeting and officers introduced themselves.

A presentation was given setting out details of the proposed changes to specialist provision for primary and secondary aged learners with additional learning needs:

- Background
- Sufficiency of places
- Sufficiency of places – Complex Learning Needs and Autism provision
- Sufficiency of places – Emotional Health and Wellbeing Needs provision
- What is being proposed city wide?
- Existing Complex Learning Needs and/or Autism provision
- Existing Emotional Health and Wellbeing provision
- Cardiff Specialist ALN provision 2023/24
- Recent growth in learners accessing specialist provision
- Projected growth in learners accessing specialist provision
- What is a Specialist Resource Base?
- How does a Complex Learning Needs base operate?
- How does an Emotional Health and Wellbeing Needs base operate?
- Benefits of the proposals
- Appraisal of options
- Other considerations
- What happens next?

Questions and response

Q: Could you outline changes proposed to Lakeside Primary School, where the existing wellbeing class is proposed to be replaced by an SRB?

A: The provision at Lakeside Primary is not being changed in terms of number of children, type of provision or age range. It is a formalisation of the existing class, and allowing for children who currently don't attend Lakeside to be placed there.

Q: Currently the Lakeside class hosts foundation phase children. Might KS2 children be able to attend the class in future?

A: Formally the status of the SRB would be age 4-11 but currently only younger children are placed in the class. The LA is in discussion with the school as there is the possibility



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of extending placements for individual children who might benefit from remaining in the class rather than moving.

Q: Will there be any other facilities such as The Marion Centre?

A: The Marion Centre is a special school which will be dealing with a higher level of need. Demand for places is being kept under review and provision brought forward as required.

Q: Are there any proposals for Post 16 ALN learning needs in Cardiff?

A: All of our secondary bases and special schools could provide provision for Post 16 learners with ALN. The local authority is working with local colleges who are improving their post 16 offer for learners with additional learning needs. We are also looking at pathways into work.

Q: Cardiff University is trying to help with Autism transitions courses for ALN children. Any thoughts for other higher learning sectors?

A: All of our school's work on pathways for learners leaving school, so as part of this will work with other bodies on planning transition but the courses that universities offer are outside of our remit.

Q: Are there any support systems in place for children who have increasing anxiety attending any school setting - e.g. online schools?

A: The Local Authority do not have online schools although some pupils access online learning. Our aim is to get learners back in school as soon as possible where this is possible. Our Educational Psychologists are supporting children who have anxiety. We have some provision in the Pupil Referral Unit for children with anxiety, plus some independent setting places.

Q: Are there any bursaries available for children to attend private school autism units - e.g. Kings Monkton?

A: No. The bursary system of funding private school attendance is available in England but in Wales this type of funding wouldn't be provided.

Q: Do looked after children have any additional support in these units - e.g. trauma informed etc.?

A: A lot of our school's utilise trauma informed practices. The THRIVE approach used in schools is very similar. Social Communication, Emotional Regulation and Transactional Support (SCERTS) training and support is provided. Many Cardiff schools run their own nurture provision and many also provide Emotional Literacy and Support Assistants (ELSA) support.



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In relation to looked after children, we have a team which coordinates their support, and the Local Authority leads on their Individual Development Plans.

There were no further questions.

The attendee was thanked for joining the meeting. A reminder was given that the consultation closes on Friday 19 January. Consultation responses can be given via the website or emailed to SchoolResponses@cardiff.gov.uk.

The meeting came to a close.