

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE – 5 March 2024

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Question asked by Mrs Sue Whiting:

“Could the Chair please state:

- a) Have all 224 children, currently in Year 6, with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), who had not been allocated a placement for Year 7 on the 18 January 2024 (as stated in the minutes of Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday 23 January 2024) now been allocated a placement for Year 7, as the deadline of 15 February has now passed?
- b) How many children, currently in Year 6, with an EHCP, who've not been allocated a placement for September, may need to be home schooled in September. Also, what provision is already in place for children who are home schooled?”

Response by the Chairman:

- a) There are currently 44 pupils who are in Year 6 for whom the Service has identified that specialist provision is required, who do not have a special school or resource base secondary placement named for September 2024. These pupils have all been allocated a mainstream school in the interim.
- b) The Service is continuing to actively work with special schools, the sufficiency team and mainstream schools in order to ensure that pupils have an appropriate school placement for September. The Service currently has no plans for any of these pupils to be accessing home tuition in September.

Pupils with EHCP's who currently are accessing tuition through Section 19 provision are carefully monitored by the SENA team and ongoing work is done to arrange suitable ongoing provision.

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