

Schools Forum SEN Working Group

5th June 2014, 1.30pm, Lacock Meeting Room, County Hall

Minutes

Present: Liz Williams, Grant Davis, Susan Tanner, Chris Whitfield, Catriona Williamson, Debbie Bennett, Carol Grant, Ingrid Sidmouth, Jon Hamp, Bruce Douglas, John Hawkins

Apologies: Becky O'Brien

1	Minutes from Previous Meeting There were no matters arising from these minutes that would not be covered on the current agenda.	
2	Funding to Support Transition in to Primary School for High Needs Pupils EW presented a paper containing a proposal for additional funding to be allocated to support transition for high needs pupils in to primary schools. The following points were raised in the discussion: What measures would be used to review and evaluate the scheme – it was agreed that the outcomes would be agreed as part of each support plan and these could be measured to evaluate the impact of funding It was requested that the SEND Service consider making a lead SEND worker available at the start of term so that Schools could have a contact to start the support planning process for pupils not previously identified It was noted that there is no similar funding mechanism in place for pupils transitioning to secondary school. Members of the Group felt that this could be considered at a future point, once the evaluation of the proposed scheme was complete. <i>It was agreed to recommend to Schools Forum that the proposed scheme be implemented for 2014-15 and that £0.200m be allocated from the DSG Reserve in order to fund in the current year. It was further agreed that the £0.2m should be the maximum to be spent in the first year.</i>	
3	Special Schools – review of residential places ST introduced a confidential paper to update the Working Group on the review of residential places in Wiltshire special schools. A review of the number and cost of residential places had been requested at the October 2013 Schools Forum meeting as part of the discussion on supporting the increased top up rates for day provision. It was noted that residential provision at Downlands school had ceased from April 2014. The Working Group considered the updated proposals in relation to Springfields and Rowdeford schools and discussed the report in some detail. <i>It was agreed that the comments and concerns of the Working Group should be reflected in the paper to Schools Forum.</i>	EW/ST
4	AOB No AOB raised at the meeting	

5	Date of Next Meeting To be agreed	
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