

**LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM
HIGH NEEDS BLOCK WORKING GROUP**

**Meeting to be held at 09.30 am on Tuesday 27 September 2022 in the Savoy Suite,
The Exchange, County Hall**

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To note any apologies for absence

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting (Attached)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising

To note any matter arising from the last minutes.

4. High Needs Block 2022/23 – Budget Monitoring (Attached)

To consider the HNB 2022/23 budget monitoring report.

5. High Needs Block Funding 2023/24 (Attached)

To consider the report on the HNB Funding arrangements for 2023/24.

6. HNB Indicative Commissioned Place Numbers 2023/24 (Attached)

Sally Richardson will be attending for this Item.

To consider the report about HNB Indicative Commissioned Place Numbers for 2023/24.

7. MASH Education Annual Report (Attached)

To consider the MASH Education Annual report.

8. Lancashire Hospital Education Service: Annual Report: Academic Year 2021/22 (Attached)

To note the Lancashire Hospital Education Service: Annual Report: Academic Year for 2021/22.

9. Any Other Business

Special School's Census Return – Pre & Post 16 Places

As members will be aware, the availability of census data for schools finance is now later each term than was previously the case and this is putting pressure on a number of processes, including termly redeterminations. In response to the redetermination issues,

the Forum have supported the introduction of a local eform to provide NOR data (Pre & Post 16 Places as at census day) for special schools that enables the termly redeterminations to be actioned before the end of that term. This eform procedure will again been initiated in the Autumn term 2022, with data requested by 18 November 2022. This will enable the LA to process Autumn term 2022 redeterminations before the end of the term, as the availability of formal census data is not expected to be available until the end of the Autumn term. Any schools that do not make a return, will be funded based on the previous term's census data. Following feedback form a number of special school's in the summer term, it is proposed that this eform will be available through a posting on the school portal.

10. Date of Future Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the High Needs Block Working Group is arranged for 10.00 am on 29 November 2022. Arrangements for the meeting will be confirmed in due course.