

LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM
Date of meeting 12 January 2023

Item No 7

Appendix A and B refers

Title: High Needs Block Working Group Commissioned places 2023/24

Executive Summary

A further review of the commissioned places was requested by the high-needs block at the last working group. This report includes commissioned places and the effect on the High Needs Block. The School Forum is asked to consider ratifying this increase.

Recommendations

The Forum is asked to:

- a) Note the High Needs Block Working Group held on 29 November 2022 requested further amendments to PRU commissioned places;**
- b) Consider a formal request to increase the number of commissioned places;**
- c) Ratify the Working Group's request.**

Background

A number of issues were discussed by the High Needs Block Working Group on 29 November 2022. It was requested that the commissioned places be further amended to assist PRU schools in planning for higher pupil numbers and recruiting specialist teachers to meet their needs.

In Appendix A, you can view all commissioned places for 2023/24 where Alternative Provisions were reviewed with additional 39 places. You can view these changes in Appendix B.

These additional places added were reviewed on averages from commissioned places in May 2022, January 2022 and October 2022 and the data pre-Covid was also taken into consideration. Whichever places numbers were higher was chosen to be in the proposed changes but was still capped at 15 places above the lower number. Moreover, PRUs headteachers were consulted where there were any changes in commissioning changes and supported the changes being proposed.

This methodology worked for a majority but not for all. Shaftesbury High School and Larches House School are not set on averages or COVID data but the PRUs headteachers were consulted and supported these lower commissioned places. Golden Hill was consulted on keeping it as 50. Additionally, Oswaldtwistle School, is at full capacity, therefore 95 commissioned places have remained.

Members will be aware that it costs £10,000 per commissioned place from the High Needs Block. The additional 39 places will equal to £390,000 + plus any top-up from HNB over a full academic year.

A formal request was received by the Inclusion Team from the Chair of Governors of Chadwick High School to review their commission numbers from 70 to 90. The new revised rate is 85, the formal request was written in a letter but is not appropriate to share this level of details. The school forum is asked to consider this formal request on behalf of the Inclusion Team.

The key issues highlighted from the letter to consider is that;

- The recent census data, the projected school roll for September 2022 (already full) and the rate at which Pupil Access colleagues continue to request places prove it.
- Chadwick is the lowest funded PRU in Lancashire.
- Chadwick has a very low PRU places to student population in the district.
- Chadwick is the only PRU to have more students on roll than are commissioned based on HNB data
- The number has been much higher than 70 in recent years. As a school we need to be able to accommodate the maximum number of students, not staff to the minimum. At times, the number of students is over 90. The ability to offer intervention to schools is now gone which is why so many PEX have been made in the last few months.

Year	Commission	May census
2015/16	72	
2016/17	75	
2017/18	76	83
2018/19	90	90
2019/20	85	69
2020/21	75	91
2021/22	70	93
2022/23	70	

Increase alternative provision places from 4 to 25.

- The existing AP allocation of just 4 places for the district is ridiculously low, an historical level which has not been relevant or realistic for years
- The Chadwick has been highly successful in the range of AP options to prevent PEX
- With just 4 places available and pressure to admit PEX, AP can no longer be provided to any secondary schools in the district
- Chadwick is the only AP provider in the area.
- 25 places would allow the school to return to previous strengths

Furthermore, Sally Richardson looks at improving the methodology and approach to commissioning places. To review the methodology for commissioning PRU places in order to transition from the existing model to one that emphasizes outreach, a task and finish group is being proposed. It is likely that there will still be pupils, particularly older ones, where attempting to return them to mainstream schools may be more disruptive. However, ultimately, this will be the ultimate objective wherever possible. The next High Needs Block Working Group will be convened on 2 March 2023, at which time volunteers will be asked to participate in the groups' formation.

The school forum is asked to ratify commissioned places for 2023/24.

High Needs Block Commissioned Places 2023/24

Special Academy Schools - Pre 16

Sch No	School Name	2022/23 Academic Pre 16 Place Numbers	2023/24 Academic Pre 16 Place Numbers	Movement in Pre 16 Place Numbers	% Change
14580	Tor View Community Special School	170	183	13	8%
	Total Special Academy Schools Pre 16 Place Numbers	170	183	13	

Special Academy Schools - Post 16

Sch No	School Name	2022/23 Academic Post 16 Place Numbers	2023/24 Academic Post 16 Place Numbers	Movement in Pre 16 Place Numbers	% Change
14580	Tor View Community Special School	43	47	4	9%
	Total Special Academy Schools Post 16 Place Numbers	43	47	4	

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FE Colleges - Post 16

Institution Name	2022/23 Current Place Numbers	2023/24 Revised Place Numbers	Movement in FE College Place Numbers	% Change
Accrington and Rossendale College	0	0	0	0%
Burnley College	132	100	-32	-24%
Cardinal Newman College	38	46	8	21%
Lancaster and Morecambe College	127	137	10	8%
Myerscough College	358	370	12	3%
Nelson and Colne College	103	110	7	7%
Preston College	95	124	29	31%
Runshaw College	80	86	6	8%
Total	933	973	40	

Mainstream Academy Schools - Post 16

Sch No	School Name	2022/23 Current Place Numbers	2023/24 Revised Place Numbers	Movement in Post 16 Place Numbers	% Change
01502	Lancaster Royal Grammer	3	3	0	0%
01503	Ripley St Thomas CE Academy	0	0	0	0%
11502	Clitheroe Royal Grammer School	3	3	0	0%
11505	Accrington St Christopher's CE High School	25	25	0	0%
	Total	31	31	0	

Alternative Provision Academies

Sch No	School Name	2022/23 Current Place Numbers	2023/24 Revised Place Numbers	Movement in Post 16 Place Numbers	% Change
12504	Coal Clough Academy	140	140	0	0%
	Total	140	140	0	

Maintained Special Schools - Pre 16

Sch No	School Name	2022/23 Academic Pre 16 Place Numbers	2023/24 Academic Pre 16 Place Numbers	Movement in Pre 16 Place Numbers	% Change	
00133	Bleasdale School	25	25	-	0%	
00134	Royal Cross Primary School	27	26	-	1	-4%
00139	Hillside Specialist School and College	87	92		5	6%
01130	Morecambe And Heysham Morecambe Road School	156	171		15	10%
01131	The Loyne Specialist School	75	78		3	4%
02130	Great Arley School	106	117		11	10%
02131	Brookfield School. Poulton-Le-Fylde	68	74		6	9%
02132	Thornton Cleveleys Red Marsh School	97	79	-	18	-19%
04133	Kirkham Pear Tree School	84	85		1	1%
06131	Moorbrook School	53	52	-	1	-2%
06134	Acorns Primary School	73	86		13	18%
06135	Sir Tom Finney Community High School	140	126	-	14	-10%
07130	Moor Hey School - A Specialist Mathematics And Computing College	112	133		21	19%
07131	The Coppice School	54	51	-	3	-6%
08135	Hope High School	82	90		8	10%
08136	Kingsbury Primary School	83	89		6	7%
08137	West Lancashire Community High School	76	83		7	9%
08138	Elm Tree Community Primary School	126	143		17	13%
09130	Chorley Astley Park School	171	169	-	2	-1%
09131	Mayfield Specialist School	104	102	-	2	-2%
11130	Oswaldtwistle White Ash School	112	111	-	1	-1%
11131	Broadfield Specialist School For Sen (Cognition And Learning)	153	134	-	19	-12%
12134	The Rose School	69	67	-	2	-3%
12135	Holly Grove School	112	120		8	7%
12136	Ridgewood Community High School	131	125	-	6	-5%
13133	Pendle View Primary School	127	124	-	3	-2%
13134	Pendle Community High School And College	115	116		1	1%
14132	Rawtenstall Cribden House Community Special School	90	90		-	0%
	Total Maintained Special Schools Pre 16 Place Numbers	2,708	2,758		50	

Maintained Special Schools - Post 16

Sch No	School Name	2022/2023 Agreed Post 16 Place (no change allowable)	2023/24 Post 16 Place	Movement in Post 16 Place Numbers	% Change
00133	Bleasdale School	8	9	1	13%
00134	Royal Cross Primary School	-	-	-	0%
00139	Hillside Specialist School and College	9	8	- 1	-11%
01130	Morecambe And Heysham Morecambe Road School	-	-	-	0%
01131	The Loyne Specialist School	35	35	-	0%
02130	Great Arley School	-	-	-	0%
02131	Brookfield School. Poulton-Le-Fylde	-	-	-	0%
02132	Thornton Cleveleys Red Marsh School	18	19	1	6%
04133	Kirkham Pear Tree School	19	17	- 2	-11%
06131	Moorbrook School	-	-	-	0%
06134	Acorns Primary School	-	-	-	0%
06135	Sir Tom Finney Community High School	63	63	-	0%
07130	Moor Hey School - A Specialist Mathematics And Computing College	-	8	8	0%
07131	The Coppice School	10	13	3	30%
08135	Hope High School	-	-	-	0%
08136	Kingsbury Primary School	-	-	-	0%
08137	West Lancashire Community High School	37	39	2	5%
08138	Elm Tree Community Primary School	-	-	-	0%
09130	Chorley Astley Park School	-	-	-	0%
09131	Mayfield Specialist School	19	24	5	26%
11130	Oswaldtwistle White Ash School	-	-	-	0%
11131	Broadfield Specialist School For Sen (Cognition And Learning)	38	37	- 1	-3%
12134	The Rose School	-	-	-	0%
12135	Holly Grove School	-	-	-	0%
12136	Ridgewood Community High School	38	36	- 2	-5%
13133	Pendle View Primary School	-	-	-	0%
13134	Pendle Community High School And College	34	40	6	18%
14132	Rawtenstall Cribden House Community Special School	-	-	-	0%
	Total Maintained Special Schools Post 16 Place Numbers	328	348	20	

**Special Post 16
Institutions**

Year	North Day	North Residential	Central Day	Central Residential	East Day	East Residential	Total
1	12	2	19	1	17	2	53
2	6	3	11	3	2	1	26
3	3	0	3	2	1	4	13
4	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	22	5	34	6	20	7	94

Alternative Provision as 29 November 2022.

AP No	AP Name	2022/23 Academic Place Numbers	2023/24 Academic Place Numbers	Movement in AP Place Numbers	% Change
	Primary				
01141	Stepping Stones	32	32	0	0%
07141	Golden Hill Leyland Centre	50	50	0	0%
	Secondary				
01149	Chadwick Centre	70	70	0	0%
02143	Mckee College House	130	130	0	0%
08147	The Acorns School	65	65	0	0%
09145	Shaftesbury High School	120	120	0	0%
06141	Larches House School	110	110	0	0%
11142	Oswaldtwitlse School	95	95	0	0%
	Total AP Place Numbers	672	672	0	

Alternative Provision **Reviewed**

AP No	AP Name	2022/23 Academic Place Numbers	2023/24 Academic Place Numbers	Movement in AP Place Numbers	% Change
	Primary				
01141	Stepping Stones	32	32	0	0%
07141	Golden Hill Leyland Centre	50	50	0	0%
	Secondary				
01149	Chadwick Centre	70	85	15	21%
02143	Mckee College House	130	124	-6	-5%
08147	The Acorns School	65	75	10	15%
09145	Shaftesbury High School	120	125	5	4%
06141	Larches House School	110	125	15	14%
11142	Oswaldtwitlse School	95	95	0	0%
	Total AP Place Numbers	672	711	39	

Maintained Mainstream Provision - SERF & SEN Units

School No	School Name	2022/23 Academic SERF & SEN Unit Places	2023/24 Academic SERF & SEN Unit Places	Movement in SERF Place Numbers	% Change
<u>SERF</u>					
11025	Oswaldtwistle Moor End Community Primary School	3	6	3	100%
06104	Ashton Community Science College	7	11	4	57%
<u>SEN Unit's</u>					
01051	Morecambe Bay Community Primary School	8	8	0	0%
02008	Fleetwood Chaucer Primary School	8	8	0	0%
07025	Seven Stars Primary School	8	8	0	0%
08054	Delph Side Community Primary School	8	8	0	0%
08080	St Francis of Assisi School	8	8	0	0%
09003	Highfield Community Primary School	16	16	0	0%
12008	Padiham St Leonard's Voluntary Aided CofE Primary School	8	8	0	0%
12012	Barden Primary School	8	8	0	0%
13016	Barrowford School	16	16	0	0%
06104	Ashton Community Science College	8	8	0	0%
Total SERF & SEN Unit Places		106	113	7	

School No	2022/23 Places	Average from May 22, June 22 and Oct 22	Proposed per Pre Covid	Revised for 23/24	Variance
Primary					
Stepping Stones School (1100)	32	28.17	32	32	0
Golden Hill Leyland Centre (1103)	50	38.92	44	50	0
Secondary					
Chadwick High School (1121)	70	85.58	85	85	15
Mckee College House (1117)	130	109.33	130	124	-6
Shaftesbury High School (1116)	120	133.27	120	125	5
Larches House School (1109)	110	99.41	135	125	15
Oswaldtwistle School (1113)	95	101.75	90	95	0
The Acorns School (1118)	65	74.25	75	75	10
Coal Clough Academy (12504)	140	129.08	140	140	0
	812	799.76	851	851	39