

**REPORT TO: OSC****DATE: 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018****REPORT TITLE: SEND: Special Educational Needs and Disabilities****REPORT AUTHOR/S:****James Carrick****james.carrick@enfield.gov.uk****PURPOSE OF REPORT:****An update****SUMMARY:****To provide an over view of the SEND provision in the local authority and the challenges we are facing in relation to capacity and the amelioration that is currently being undertaken.****1. BACKGROUND**

This report reflects on the provision of special provision pupil places in Enfield. Current pressures are:

- the existing special school rolls showing no capacity
- the national policy and funding position under the current government;
- the increasing demand pressures on provision for children who need additional high level specialist support;

The key points from the review of demand for school places up to 2020 are:

- Demand for high support provision for children with certain categories of special education need continues to increase;

All the special school sites that can easily accommodate expansions have been expanded or are in the process of expanding, apart from Oaktree School. Total school rebuild to maximise available school sites is very expensive and potentially disruptive to pupils and staff.

In terms of delivery there is a need to increase capacity in special schools and establishments that provide education services for some of the most acute special need categories. Autistic Spectrum Disorder along with SEMH are the highest priorities and permanent capacity needs to be increased within the current special schools. The LA is not allowed to open any new schools-only expand existing ones or rely on Free School provision.

September 2014 the new SEND Code of Practice 0-25 was introduced which included changes to primary category of need. This has resulted in over 500 additional statements of Educational Health and Care Plans having been agreed since 2011, an increase of 29%.

The Enfield Special Schools population has increased by 24%  
Proportion of Enfield children with a statement/EHCP being educated out of the borough has increased, in 2011 it was 10% of the total SEN population, today it is 19%.

Increases since 2010

- Autistic Spectrum Disorders up 54%
- Social Emotional and Mental Health up 28%
- Severe Learning Difficulty increased up 31%
- Specific Learning Difficulty increased up 29%

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#### **Current SEND Specialist Provision:**

<b>Fernhouse School (SEMH Provision Year groups 3 to 11)</b>	<b>44 places</b>
<b>Russet House (Autistic Provision Primary)</b>	<b>112 places</b>
<b>Durants School (Autistic Provision Secondary 11-19)</b>	<b>105 places</b>
<b>Durants Additionally Resourced Provision at Winchmore</b>	<b>16 places</b>
<b>Oaktree School (Complex Needs age 7-19)</b>	<b>95 places</b>
<b>West Lea (Complex Needs age 4-19)</b>	<b>180 places</b>
<b>West Lea in Broomfield Additionally Resourced Provision</b>	<b>12 places</b>
<b>Waverly School (Severe and Profound Profound Learning Difficulties age 3-19)</b>	<b>100 places</b>
<b>Waverly Pre School at Bell Lane Children's Centre</b>	<b>24 part time places</b>
<b>Orchardside (Secondary PRU)</b>	<b>100 places</b>

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### 7 year trends for Out of Borough Provision and Overall Needs

Count of Needs - Out of Borough 3 highest	Up to 30/06/2017 Inclusive	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	102	86	57	50	38	25	28
SEMH	68	58	40	26	25	12	20
Speech Language and Communication Dif	124	102	84	66	61	43	55

OB Provision	Up to 30/06/2017 Inclusive	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11
Total	397	334	243	185	181	116	154
OB % Change	19%	37%	31%	2%	56%	-25%	

Count of Needs - Enfield 3 highest	Up to 30/06/2017 Inclusive	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	565	436	367	329	267	250	201
SEMH	295	194	166	141	151	140	142
Speech Language and Communication Dif	630	484	417	360	13	367	345

Count of Needs - Enfield	Up to 30/06/2017 Inclusive	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11
Grand Total	2038	1562	1314	1168	1175	1133	1053
% Change	30%	19%	13%	-1%	4%	8%	

## **2. ISSUES AND CHALLENGES**

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## **3. RECOMMENDATIONS-To Note**

**The following are the proposed expansions to our existing portfolio of SEND provision.**

### **Current Special School expansions**

#### **Secondary Tuition Centre**

Orchardside School, Bullsmoor Lane aims to consolidate and increase capacity for secondary school aged children requiring short term support before returning to mainstream educational settings. Orchardside opened in January 2018. This releases other sites (Eldon, Newbury, Swan) previously occupied by the ESTC for potential expansion as more SEN provision.

To provide 100 places on site.

#### **West Lea School**

This expansion scheme was originally a maintenance project to replace life expired buildings It has been incorporated into the School Expansion Programme and the project scope increased to include permanent additional places.

To provide approximately 180 approximately places by September 2018 following completion of the building works.

#### **Dysons Road**

A Lease is in place until September 2020 between Enfield Council (tenant) and the London Diocesan Fund, Incumbent (vicar) and Parochial Church Council for the use of buildings at St John's Church in Dysons Road. West Lea will be relocating up to 70 pupils to Dysons Road during the summer term 2017 during the extensive building works at West Lea School in Hazelbury Road. There is an opportunity to extend the lease beyond 2020 if required. If

the lease were to be extended up to 70, pupils could be permanently located on this site increasing pupil places by a further 70.

### **Fernhouse School (Expansion to SEMH provision)**

This scheme was also a maintenance project to replace the life expired main school building. The opportunity has been taken to increase the availability of special school places by increasing the size of the new school building

To be approved but proposed to provide 60 places in the first instance by 2019/20.

### **Minchenden School (Expansion for Autistic Provision)**

Minchenden site has been purchased to allow for permanent additional special school places to be provided in a re-furbished building. Scheme approved October 2016

Proposed to provide an additional 126 autistic places by September 2019. The site should be ready by September 2018 but will then be required for a decant to allow the existing school to be refurbished. The latter is being funded by the Education Skills Funding Agency.

### **Garfield Primary Autism Provision (Springfield)**

The development of the old KS2 building adjacent to the school site to provide early years/primary places for a minimum of 20 pupils by 2019. This to be done in conjunction with Russet House School

### **St Marys PrimaryAutism Provision**

Meeting was held with the governors of Russet House School on September 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the running of a satellite primary autism provision at the vacant St Marys site in Edmonton. To provide up to 10 places from September 2018.

### **Swan Centre**

Expand the existing programme run by Westlea School and Secondary Behaviour Support from 12 places to a minimum of 20 in the first instance. Provision for learners with SEMH in the secondary phase aged 11-16. 14 pupils on roll January 2018.

### **SEMH Free School**

Currently a tendering process is underway for Multi Academy Trusts to bid to run a new 70 place Free School on Bell Lane. This provision is for KS3/4/5 learners. Hopefully the school will open by 2019. The tendering process has concluded and we have informed the DfE of our preferred provider. The current timescale is for them to be informed by Easter 2018.

#### **4. NEXT STEPS**

To continue to scrutinise the development of all the building projects to ensure they are completed in a timely fashion.

Continue to review the changes in pupil demographics so that we are proactive in resourcing additional provision if required.