

Impact of Increased Need for SEND Places

Pupils with SEND

The 2022 data shows that Enfield's total pupil population has decreased while at the same time there was a significant increase in the number of pupils with Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs).

From 2018-2022, the average increase for pupils with EHCP has been 17%, however from 2015-2022, that number increased exponentially by 164%. Although there has been a considerable increase in In-Borough provision during this time the number of pupils being place out-of-borough has risen by 183%.

Table 1: No of Enfield pupils with EHCP (2015-2022)

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2015-2022
Enfield	1314	1571	1746	1986	2483	2839	3105	3422	160%
Out-of-borough	243	339	391	450	515	593	630	687	183%
Grand Total	1557	1910	2137	2436	2998	3432	3735	4109	164%

The most significant primary care needs in Enfield are Speech, Language and Communication Difficulties (SLCN), Autism (ASD) and Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties (SEMH/(BESD) with these three equating to 75% over 50% of the total pupils with EHCP numbers. There is also a direct correlation between these primary care needs and the pupils being sent out-of-borough as they also form the largest majority of out-of-borough SEND pupils (*see table 3 below*).

The number of pupils within these three primary care needs has been increasing significantly from 2015-2022, creating a continual demand to create more place in Enfield.

Table 2: Primary Care Need of Pupils in Enfield with EHCP

Enfield											
Primary Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2015-2022	Rank	Chart
SLCN	417	486	524	600	843	1044	1201	1292	210%	1	
ASD	367	439	490	559	641	726	788	850	132%	2	
SEMH/(BESD)	166	199	242	278	360	400	398	450	171%	3	
MLD	118	130	155	183	210	234	277	337	186%	4	
PD	112	140	153	166	174	174	163	170	52%	5	
SLD	50	70	66	61	75	77	88	117	134%	6	
SPLD	14	20	17	26	35	38	42	70	400%	7	
HI	19	25	31	34	47	54	58	58	205%	8	
VI	28	28	26	30	39	39	37	31	11%	9	
PMLD	16	22	24	26	31	25	23	24	50%	10	
OTH	3	8	12	13	16	15	19	13	333%	11	
MSI	4	4	6	10	12	13	11	10	150%	12	
Total	1314	1571	1746	1986	2483	2839	3105	3422			

Table 3: Primary Care Need of Out-of-borough Placements with EHCP

Outborough											
Primary Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2015-2022	Rank	Chart
SLCN	84	107	120	140	171	195	206	217	158%	1	
ASD	57	85	106	120	134	146	146	163	186%	2	
SEMH/(BESD)	40	56	64	76	78	95	115	116	190%	3	
MLD	10	21	19	23	32	45	48	60	500%	4	
HI	12	19	23	29	33	35	35	37	208%	5	
PD	18	17	22	21	23	26	25	27	50%	6	
VI	11	18	19	19	19	19	20	22	100%	7	
SLD	2	5	9	9	10	18	18	19	850%	8	
SPLD	7	6	5	8	9	9	12	17	143%	9	
MSI	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	300%	10	
PMLD	1	4	3	3	4	3	2	4	300%	10	
OTH				1	1	1	1	1	100%	12	
Total	243	339	391	450	515	593	630	687			

Funding and Expenditure

The cost of out-of-borough placements has increased significantly year on year with a 33% increase from 2016/17-2021/22.

This poses significant challenges to the total SEND budget and this year-on-year increase in the budget for out-of-borough placement call for more SEND places to be created in Enfield as it will reduce the overall cost in the long term, especially the transport component.

In 2020/21 financial year, the annual average cost for an individual pupil in an out-of-borough placement was around £25,430.14 pa versus £11,524.99 for an in-borough place, Enfield will be saving an estimated £ 13,905.15 per pupil in placement cost and £7766.63 in transport cost in the long term.

Increasing in-borough capacity which reduce pressure on the High Needs Budget. This budget overspent by £4.9M over its original allocation of £60.463 in 2021/22.

Transport

Approximately 21% of the total number of pupils receiving transport are in out-of-borough placements. The average cost of an in-borough transport provision is £7409.97 compared to an out-of-borough transport provision of £15,176.60.

Provision EHCPs	Number with Transport	Total Transport Cost	Average Cost Per Pupil
In Borough	885	£6,557,822.57	£7,409.97
Out Borough	240	£3,642,384.74	£15,176.60

The average in borough placement cost of £11,524.99 and £7409.97 in transport cost, compared to the current out-of-borough cost of £25,430.14 and £15,176.60 respectively. The difference between the current total costs is **£21,671.78.**

Traveling Distance

- Majority of OOB SEND pupils (28.8%) travel to Haringey for school followed by Barnet (28.0%) and Hertfordshire (17.3%).
- The average distance travelled is 17.1 miles.
- The furthest distance travelled is to Surrey (50.2 miles).
- The shortest distance travelled is to Haringey (5.5 miles).
- Majority of the pupils in out-of-borough placement comes from the Upper Edmonton area (7.3%) followed by Enfield Lock (6.8%).
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