

## Information from Core Cities

The following question was sent to the School admission and Scrutiny teams at the other [Core Cities](#).

**Has the Local Authority ever taken any action specifically designed to improve diversity , i.e. changed catchment areas to make them more representative, adjusted policy or procedures to take positive action to address admissions arrangement with disproportionality high or low numbers of BME or FSM children?**

The following responses were received:

Local Authority	Response received:
Newcastle	No work undertaken
Nottingham City Council	<p>No work undertaken on this specifically.</p> <p>An introductory piece of work on place planning took place in July 2015 – click <a href="#">here</a> to view.</p>
Leeds	<p>As a Scrutiny Board we have considered numbers and sufficiency, and do each year.</p> <p>A couple of years ago we had issues in the North of Leeds where there were not enough school places and parents were being offered places as schools they had not preference. There was no specific focus on BME or FSM by the Scrutiny Board.</p>
Cardiff	<p>In March 2016 the Committee reviewed the performance of Education as at Quarter 3 (click <a href="#">here</a> to view the papers and minutes). During the scrutiny of the item members questioned the admissions process and in particular the process across Faith Schools, Welsh Schools and English Medium Schools.</p> <p>Members agreed that it would be helpful if there was one co-ordinated admissions process. As a result the Chairman wrote to the Archdiocese to seek their views on a co-ordinated approach.</p> <p>The Chairman received a positive response and as such a co-ordinated admissions procedure is now being developed.</p> <p>In March 2017 the Committee has programmed to review the admissions process again</p>

