

Question: CQ09.01

Cabinet – 13 July 2021

Re: Agenda item 9 - Children's Social Care and Special Education Spot Purchase Placements

Question submitted by: Cllr Christine Townsend

What is the 20/21 baseline data in relation to child placement decisions that exceed the £500k threshold funded in total or in part from the HNB?

Reply:

- In financial year 20/21 there were two placements where total cost across Children's Social Care, Education and Health just exceeded the £500k.
- In such cases and where possible (taking into account the child/young person's circumstances), local specialist education options will be explored with the receiving local authority.
- In absence of local education options and where the provider can offer an integrated placement a jointly commissioned integrated placement will be secured to ensure continuity of a specialist education to meet a child/young person's assessed needs.