

Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission September 8th 2022 Item 6 - Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP) Demographic Analysis	Item No 6
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Outline

Following work programme discussions on 11th July 2022, it was clear that SEND services would figure prominently within Commissions work for 2022/23 not only in relation to national developments (the Green Paper) but also changes to local policy and practice (the emerging local SEND Strategy, SEND restructure, Better Value review).

To inform possible scrutiny of the above, and in recognition of the wider context of increasing demands for the SEND services, the Commission requested a short report from Hackney Education setting out the current demographic profile of children with and EHCP and new EHCP applications. The Commission has requested the following data for the past 3 years (age group, ethnic group, originating setting (inc those not in education)):

- Children with EHCPs in Hackney;
- New EHCPs granted in Hackney;
- Number of EHCP requests
- Number of requests for assessments refused
- Requests for assessments which do not result in EHCP issued.

This request also relates to ongoing disproportionality work undertaken by the Commission which suggests that the identification of additional needs of some groups of children and young people remain unidentified until later in their education.

Attending:

Annie Gammon, Director of Education
Joe Wilson, Head of SEND

Action:

Members of the Commission are asked to note the report and direct questions to officers present.