

Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission January 16th 2023 Item 5 - Unregistered Educational Settings	Item No 5
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Outline

In response to local safeguarding concerns, the Commission undertook a review of unregistered educational settings (UES) in 2017/18. UES provide a 'full-time' education to children of compulsory school age but teaches a curriculum that is too narrow for the setting to constitute a 'school'. The consequence is that they cannot be registered (or regulated) in the same way that schools are. In the Hackney context, UES are predominantly (though not exclusively) local Yeshiva which educate boys from the Orthodox Jewish Community.

In the absence of new primary legislation, attempts by agencies and local partners to establish regulatory (planning, fire regulation, health and safety) and safeguarding oversight of children that attend UES have proved challenging. Given the ongoing safeguarding risks to children, the Commission retains regular oversight of this issue within its work programme.

Reports

- Unregistered Educational Settings: Report Update

Attending:

- Kate Cracknell, Head of Wellbeing and Education Safeguarding
- Paul Senior, Director of Education and Inclusion
- Billy Baker, Lead Officer Pupils Out of School
- Jim Gamble, Independent Chair of City and Hackney Safeguarding Partnership
- Rory McCallum, Senior Professional Adviser