

# **Proposals for Increasing Specialist Provision for Children and Young People with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**

**Proposed Redistribution and development of Early Years Enhanced Specialist Provision (EYESP) places at Abbey Green and Midland Road Nursery Schools**

**Pre- Consultation document  
5<sup>th</sup> November – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Your views are important to us.**

**We would like to gain your views and comments on the Councils proposals and provide you with the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the proposals.**

**November 2019**

# Pre-Consultation

## Background information

The Bradford District has experienced a significant increase in demand for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision in the last 10 years. It is projected that the demand for SEND provision will continue to grow across all sectors in the Bradford District.

Bradford has experienced a year on year increase of children and young people requiring an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP). Currently the Local Authority is maintaining 3860 Educational Health and Care Plans. There are also 14,570 (13.8%) children and young people who receive SEN Support, compared to the national average of 11.8%.

Evidence shows there continues to be an increased demand for specialist places across all sectors.

In order to meet the growing demand for places we analyse the data by primary need. The order below represents the largest number of pupils with a current EHCP by primary need:

1. Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
2. Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs (SEMH)
3. Severe Learning Difficulty (SLD)
4. Speech Language and Communication Needs (SLCN)
5. Physical Difficulties (PD)

Bradford offers a range of educational provision to meet the needs of Children and Young People with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND). This includes provision in both Local Authority Maintained Schools and Academy schools including:

- Mainstream Schools
- Special Schools
- Resourced Provision led by the school (SRP) (Formerly known as Designated Specialist Provision – DSP)
- Resourced Provision led by the Local Authority (LARP)
- Additionally Resourced Centres led by the Local Authority (ARC)
- Early Years Enhanced Specialist provision (EYESP) led by Nursery Schools
- Pupil Referral Units (PRUs)

## Early Years Enhanced Specialist Provision (EYESP)

Currently the Local Authority maintains four Nursery Schools across the District which deliver integrated early years enhanced specialist provision for Children aged 2 - 5 years alongside mainstream Nursery Schools places.

The children that access these provisions have an Education Health and Care Plan or are undergoing assessment for an Education Health and Care Plan.

The current maintained Nursery Schools with Early Years Enhanced Specialist Provision are:

- Abbey Green Nursery School (BD8)
- Strong Close Nursery School (BD21)
- St. Edmunds Nursery School (BD8)
- Canterbury Nursery School (BD5)

## EYESP aged 2 – 5 years old

| Name of Provision           | Registered Places |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Abbey Green Nursery School  | 20*               |
| Canterbury Nursery School   | 28*               |
| St Edmunds Nursery School   | 33*               |
| Strong Close Nursery School | 30*               |
| * part time places          |                   |

### What are we proposing and where?

The Local Authority is proposing to redistribute Early Years Enhanced Specialist Provision (EYESP) places with effect from February 2020 by:

- Reducing the current number of EYESP places at Abbey Green Nursery School from 20\* to 10 places
- Developing 10 new EYESP places at Midland Road Nursery School.

\* Part time places.

Since the opening of the 20\* place Early Years Enhanced Specialist Provision (EYESP) for children aged 2 – 5 years with a range of special educational needs and disabilities at Abbey Green Nursery School, the setting has run with an under occupancy.

Abbey Green Nursery School is part of a federation with Midland Road Nursery School and has an Executive Head who oversees both provisions. It has been identified that it would be beneficial to the children and parents in the area, if both Nursery Schools delivered EYESP places.

### Why are we undertaking a Pre- consultation?

Before the Local Authority can increase or make changes to provision in maintained schools, there is a statutory process that we must follow. Whenever the Local Authority proposes to increase places or make changes to specialist provision, all interested parties who are likely to be affected by the Councils proposals must be consulted in the development of the proposals. Good practice also allows time for a pre-consultation to take place.

The pre-consultation phase is so we can ascertain interested parties views on the proposals and use the feedback to shape the proposals going forward for Statutory consultation. This process will be carried out from 5<sup>th</sup> November – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

## When are we proposing to increase provision?

An indicative timeline for completing the consultation and statutory processes is set out below:

| Activity                                                                                                                                                               | Timescales                                                 |
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| The Strategic Director of Children's Services approves the commencement of a pre-consultation phase                                                                    | 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2019                              |
| Pre-consultation period with all interested parties                                                                                                                    | 5 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2019           |
| Pre-consultation Public Meetings scheduled                                                                                                                             | 11 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2019          |
| Analysis of pre consultation responses and recommendations report to the Strategic Director of Children's Services requesting permission to publish Statutory notices. | 18 <sup>th</sup> November – 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 |
| Statutory notices published in the local newspapers (Consultation period begins)                                                                                       | 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2019                             |
| Statutory Notice Public Consultation meetings                                                                                                                          | 9 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2019           |
| End of 4week Statutory Consultation period (2 additional weeks have been added to allow for the Christmas period)                                                      | 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2020                               |
| Report to Council Executive to consider the outcome of consultation and statutory notices and determine proposals (maintained schools only)                            | 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2020                              |
| Proposed implementation date                                                                                                                                           | 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020                             |

## Who are we consulting with?

- Parents/Carers
- School staff and Governors
- Bradford and Airedale Parents Forum
- Bradford and Airedale NHS Trusts/CCG's
- Elected members
- Local MPs
- Trade Unions
- Neighbouring Authorities
- SENDIASS - Barnado's
- Parish & Mosque Councils
- Muslim Association
- CoE and Catholic Diocese for Bradford/Leeds
- Relevant charities and voluntary organisations
- Any other interested parties

## Why are we consulting with you?

Whenever the Local Authority propose to increase places or make changes to specialist provision, all interested parties who are likely to be affected by the proposals must be consulted in the development of the proposals.

It is important that the proposals are the subject of broad consultation with all interested parties to ensure that your views are considered and that you are fully informed and involved before a final recommendation to the Council Executive Committee is made.

The responses to this consultation for maintained schools must be fully analysed and considered before the Council decides to proceed with a full consultation and issue Statutory notices.

• **Please refer to the below supporting documents:**

- Maps showing Current Provision and Proposed Developments
- Pre-Consultation Questionnaire
- Pre-consultation document

Further documentation will be available if the proposals go forward to the publication of statutory notices. All of the above documents can be found online by visiting:

<https://localoffer.bradford.gov.uk/Content.aspx?mid=589> - Bradford SEND Local offer

Or

[www.bradford.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/consultations)

## How to respond to the consultation

**1. Complete the pre-consultation questionnaire on-line, no later than 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Abbey Green and Midland Road Nursery Schools -

<https://surveys.bradford.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=157251080374>

**2. If you do not have access to the internet or you would prefer a paper copy of any of the documents, please contact telephone 01274 438260 or e-mail**

[SENDPlacesConsultation@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:SENDPlacesConsultation@bradford.gov.uk)

**3. Attend the Public Consultation Meetings, they are being held on the below dates:**

**Either:**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 1.00pm-2.00pm Keighley Library Annexe – Spencer Street, Keighley, BD21 2BN

**Or**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 1.45-2.45pm at Bradford City Hall– Centenary Square, Bradford BD1 1HY

**4. Alternatively please**

Email: [SENDPlacesConsultation@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:SENDPlacesConsultation@bradford.gov.uk)

or

Write to us at: Diane Cochrane SEND Planning and Strategy Lead. Intelligence and Sufficiency Service, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Margaret McMillan Tower, Bradford BD1 1NN

Thank you for taking the time to read this consultation document. Your views are important. Please make your views known to us by completing the Pre- Consultation questionnaire or let us have your comments.

Thank you