

High Needs Working Group
Notes from Meeting – 29.02.16
Newman Special School

Attendees:

- ***Andrea Baldwin (RMBC – Finance Dept)***
- ***Paula Dobbin (Redscope Primary School)***
- ***Pepe Di'lasio (Wales High School)***
- ***Julie Mott (Newman Special School)***
- ***Paula Williams (RMBC – Head of Inclusion)***

The current structure and spending of the High Needs Budget was detailed line by line.

There were some immediate actions identified from the conversations involved in this information sharing;

- A short interim email with the current designations of the special schools would be beneficial to all settings and staff
- Further engagement of Rowan strategically. The Head of Rowan has recently begun attending a number of strategic groups as the remit is different to Aspire and dual representation is advised by Paula Williams. This includes Special Heads Meetings.
- A link between Rowan and Newman Additional Resource be created as some children are similar, so a more graduated response to the highest levels of need between the two sites can be devised.
- Paula Williams to hold a discussion with John Morrison (Swinton) regarding the Swinton Autism Resource and gather his views about its success given that the primary models for autism are currently being addressed.

Over the next year further work to be addressed:

- Quality Assurance for all processes (eg top up funding to specials, the EHC process, service provision)
- Discussion about the Home Tuition Service, its remit and how it relates to Special Provisions, particularly around post-operative support
- Wider consultation and investigation into the services provided by high needs funding (and those SEND services not funded through high needs) to

appropriately fund. This includes, traded and non-traded services, where they currently sit within structures, how they are currently funded and whether there are ways to improve service and/or become more cost effective)

- The work of this group to be aligned within the wider SEND work and that work to be appropriately communicated as one strategy to all stakeholders (currently being written by Paula Williams)

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