

Hello Marie

We can report these updates at the next meeting.

Thanks

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Hello Marina

The updates will be as follows:

- Rebecca is on maternity leave so Officer capacity to respond to calls and make visits has halved. This will undoubtedly have an impact on the number of cases that can be visited to discuss the implications and expectations of EHE before a withdrawal letter is written by parents. It will also impact on my capacity to visit a family during the cooling off period. As numbers of children in unsuitable EHE could rise, there could be a related increase in cases being taken to FAP, and /or enforcement and court proceedings. Rebecca plans to return in March.
- The consultation to all parties about the possibility of a change in the law, which would require parents to register any children not in a registered school setting on to a list managed by the LA, has now closed. Please note, this is not a list simply for EHE learners, but for all children out of schools, potentially. We await Government response to the consultation and any subsequent change in the law.
- The 28 Y11 EHE learners leave the cohort on Friday 28th with their schooled peers. Most have an intended learning destination declared and recorded, or, are on the caseload of the Outreach & Engagement team from Early Help. Early Help will track if they make it to their intended destination and offer support as required in Y12.
- Removing the 28 Y11 will mean that the cohort is reduced to approximately 175 with some children awaiting a start in school following successful appeals. Thank you to members of the independent appeals panel for giving fair consideration to cases where education at home has been tried, but is unsuccessful.
- During this academic year, only one case of unsuitable EHE has been taken through the full enforcement process with a parent breaching the School Attendance Court Order and receiving a very significant fine. Other cases have been resolved by families taking advice and working through the admissions and appeals processes.