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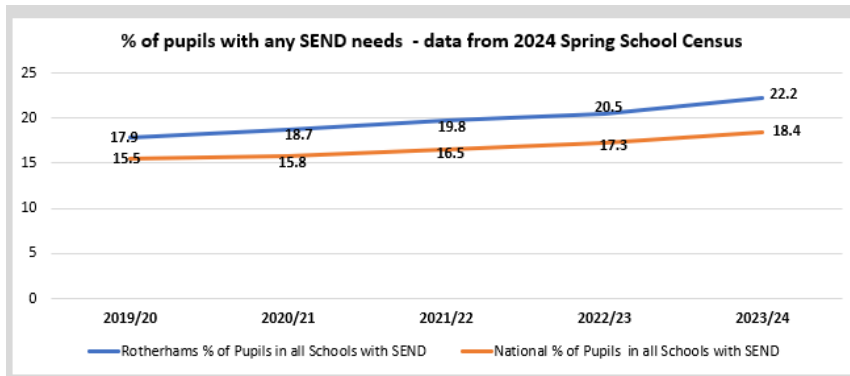
TO:	Schools Forum
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TITLE:	SEND Sufficiency update

1. Background

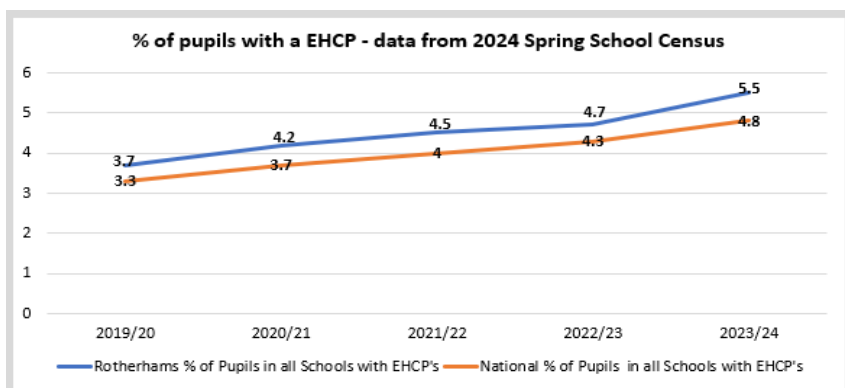
- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to provide Schools Forum with an update on Rotherham's SEND Sufficiency data providing relevant comparisons to the national position where available.
- 1.2** The data included in the report has been taken from a number of sources including the local authorities Safety Valve data dashboard, SEN2 statutory returns and placement tracking information. The data contained is utilised as part of Safety Valve quarterly monitoring reports to the Department for Education and to support SEND Sufficiency planning

2. Key Issues

- 2.1** 22.2% of Rotherham statutory aged pupils have either a statutory plan for Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND), known as an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP), or are receiving SEND support. This compares to an average of 18.4% across all England Authorities.



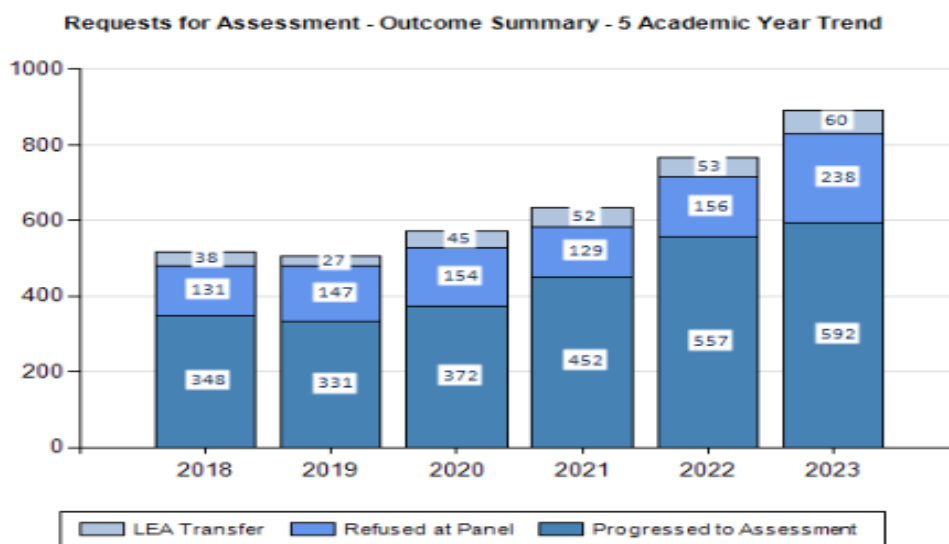
- 2.2** 5.5% of Rotherham's statutory aged pupils have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) compared to an average of 4.8% nationally.



2.3 As at the SEN2 census date in January 2024, Rotherham had 3310 active EHCP's in place for all children and young people 0-25yr old. This is 425 more plans than the previous year's return representing an increase of 14.7% and compared to a national increase of 11%. When comparing to similar neighbouring areas Rotherham ranked 3rd out of 11 local authorities in relation to the number of active EHCP's in place

2.4 Requests for an EHCP assessment continue to rise in Rotherham with a 72% increase since 2018. Over the past 12 months there has been a 16.1% increase in requests.

2.5 61% of all new requests to assess for an EHCP are from schools, with 30% from parents/carers and family members. These percentages have remained relatively flat since 2018.



2.6 The below table gives a breakdown of Primary need type and growth since 2019 for all CYP 0-25yr old whom have an EHCP in place.

No of all EHCP's (CYP 0-25yr olds) as of each year from the SEN2 Stat return	ASD	SEMH	MLD	SLCN
2019	651	388	439	182
2020	682	470	450	198
2021	747	536	445	223
2022	820	607	455	264
2023	952	686	461	334
2024	1141	786	475	459
Data as of 1 July 24 (internal data used)	1204	797	474	522

2.7 The below tables give a breakdown of the most prevalent primary needs across Primary, Secondary and Special Schools. Data is taken from 2024 Spring School census as this is the only national comparison for Need available. This is inclusive of EHCP and pupils at SEND Support.

Mainstream Primary Schools		
Need Type	Local	National
SLCN	31.7%	37.1%
SEMH	15.5%	18.3%
ASD	15.0%	10.3%

Mainstream Secondary Schools		
Need Type	Local	National
SLCN	7.9%	12.2%
SEMH	26.8%	24.9%
ASD	17.7%	15.2%

Special Schools		
Need Type	Local	National
SLCN	12.5%	10.7%
SEMH	15.7%	13.6%
ASD	32.4%	37.4%

2.8 The local most prevalent need types are Autism, SEMH, Speech Language and Communication, and Cognition and Learning. In Rotherham there is a growth in children and young people where their SEMH and/or Autism is proving to be a significant barrier to their learning.

2.9 There continues to be two distinct cohorts: those whose academic ability allows them to access the mainstream school curriculum but whose anxieties and sensory sensitivities make it difficult for them to be in a busy environment, and those whose academic ability is significantly lower than age expected levels. As a result, there is a growing demand for resourced provision in mainstream and specialist provision. There is also growing demand for special school places in relation to SEMH and Autism.

2.10 The below table gives a breakdown of EHCP placements for all CYP 0-25 years, this data is used regularly as part of SEND Sufficiency planning. In particular the % in mainstream is utilised to support the outcomes and impact of the graduated approach, outreach services and small grants accessibility programme.

High Needs / Provision Categories:	No of CYP with EHCP as of 1st April 24	% of CYP with EHCP as of 1st April 2024	No of CYP with EHCP as of 1st July 24	% CYP with EHCP as of 1st July 24
Special Schools	1,061	31.5%	1,067	30.8%
Resource Provision	101	3.0%	108	3.1%
Mainstream Schools	1,167	34.6%	1,271	36.7%
Alternative Provision	74	2.2%	76	2.2%
Independent Non-Maintained Special Schools	132	3.9%	136	3.9%
Independent Specialist Provision	172	5.1%	164	4.7%
Post 16 / FE Colleges	443	13.1%	436	12.6%
Other LA Schools	72	2.1%	73	2.1%
Other provisions for CYP with EHCP's	151	4.5%	130	3.8%
Total	3,373		3,461	

2.11 Not included in these figures is growth in resource provision places from September 24 linked to the new approved provisions opening. An additional 56 resource provision placements have been agreed in academic year 24/25 with numbers growing incrementally over the next two academic years.

2.12 The nearest comparable data to this against national is taken from the SEN 2 return and is given in the table below. Please note this data is currently being updated on the publication site by the Department for Education.

High Needs / Provision Categories	% CYP in Rotherham as at SEN2 24	% CYP Nationally as at SEN2 24	Gap to National
<i>*Special Schools</i>	32.8%	26.9%	5.9%
<i>*Resource Provision</i>	2.9%	2.3%	0.6%
Mainstream Schools	34.1%	39.2%	-5.1%
<i>*Independent Non-Maintained Special Schools</i>	3.7%	5.2%	-1.5%
<i>*Independent Specialist Provision</i>	3.4%	1.5%	1.8%
Post 16 / FE Colleges	14.2%	11.7%	2.5%
* All Specialist Provisions	42.8%	35.9%	6.9%

2.13 Indicators against national comparisons shows that Rotherham has less children attending mainstream schools with an EHCP and more children attending specialist provision. This pattern is repeated at post 16 with more children also attending independent provision in this phase in comparison to national data.

3. Key Actions and Timelines

Not applicable

4. Recommendations

4.1 For Schools Forum to accept the report and provide any supporting comments