



4.	<p><b>Declaration of personal or pecuniary Interest in any agenda item.</b></p> <p>No declaration of personal or pecuniary interest declared by members.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Review of current Out-of-County Placements and the rationale for them/cost.</b></p> <p>FP started the discussion stating that the reason for having this as an agenda item is that we will be called upon to suggest to Schools Forum what decision they are to take on expenditure for SEN. We need to monitor Out of County Places as it is in our remit as a group.</p> <p>All agree.</p> <p>AC handed out a document analysing 99 learners travelling out of area, by provider and need.</p> <p>Document shows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Different provisions of out of area.</li> <li>● Where travelling from and to</li> <li>● Fees for placement</li> <li>● ASD, BESD, HI and complex needs journeys.</li> </ul> <p>Pg4 Autism – Provision in Newton Aycliffe, Sunderland, Newcastle and North Tyneside. Some short distance transport.</p> <p>Pg5 BESD – Most learners going to specialist schools in North Tyneside and Newcastle:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● North Tyneside,</li> <li>● Talbot House School and Parkside House main areas</li> </ul> <p>Pg6 HI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● X10 learners – not an issue or problem Northumberland cannot replicate to out of area offer.</li> <li>● Rothbury-Sunderland parent preference, unique</li> </ul> <p>Pg7 Complex Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 31 learners, mainly to independent special schools in Newcastle/North Tyneside.</li> </ul> <p>Finance:-</p>	

	<p>AC clarified that Out of can include both LA maintained and independent sector.</p> <p>e.g.  Nunny Kirk and Talbot House are non-maintained.  Longridge and Parkside House is Independent.  Sandhill View is maintained with SEN Unit.</p> <p>FP asked how much Top up Longridge get. AC to confirm how much.</p> <p>Colleagues asked for breakdown of Health and Social Care contributions to very High cost placements.</p> <p>Discussion took place about the schools on the spreadsheet and the following queries arose.</p> <p>Newcastle School for boys – <b>query on cost</b>  Parkside House - <b>costs to check</b></p> <p>Percy Hedley – Severe learning difficulty. Residential provision not used much. Largest single provider cost nearly 1 million.</p> <p>Northern Counties – cost £800.000</p> <p>Out of Area - £4.340.000</p> <p>Maintained - £273.000</p> <p>The rest independent.</p> <p>Independent - £3.278.000 up to age 16, 1 million post 16.</p> <p>Learners in independent schools cost more than own provision and not local. Need to reduce.</p> <p>Colleagues asked how LA check value for money? – Annual monitoring and reviews at other times.</p> <p>Figures are affected by in year figures.</p> <p>Growth area – Percy Hedley/Talbot House.</p> <p>Process of NE12 to be added to the agenda for next meeting.</p> <p>AC went through list of reviews that are due 6-9 monthly and handed out a spreadsheet to members which shows the independent schools.</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>AC</p>
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	<p>Under NE12 Primary-Secondary transition allows us to look again at provision choices.</p> <p>It was requested that a banding sample to be done for Percy Hedley and Talbot House.</p> <p>AC confirmed that we have regular panels and have teacher and Headteacher representatives to look at bandings etc.</p> <p>It was suggested that maybe we should have an extra panel twice through the year or to sample some of the cases to answer AEN questions.</p> <p>All agreed to convene in 3 weeks' time to have a look at formally.</p> <p>Our responsibility as a group.</p> <p>Other themes to come through.</p> <p>Parkside House/Talbot House – Permanent exclusions that we have had and forensic issues above what we had in our provisions.</p> <p>AC looked into developing new provision and waiting for capital so that learners can be in county. Have to be independent i.e. Academies to have new SEN provision.</p> <p>Academies can be a sponsor for SEN provision i.e. free schools, however limited control and influence.</p> <p>At NASSH meetings they are encouraging Schools/Provisions to look at Academy status for additional SEN Provision.</p> <p>Costing's for this would be helpful.</p> <p>AC mentioned that some colleges are expanding their age ranges which would work for age 14 learners. Would be helpful to look at as if costing's reasonable there will be a saving.</p> <p>AC confirmed he can open up the detail of the financial information to this group to scrutinise but must keep confidential.</p> <p>Requests, Need to explore more:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Add banding column to current list</li> <li>● Look at x5 BESD sample placements in detail –yr5 and yr10</li> <li>● X5 samples of exceptional cost placements</li> </ul>	AC
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6.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b> No any other business discussed.</p>	
<p><b>End: 11.05am, Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday 13 July 2016 at 9.30am in the Chairman’s Dining Room.</b></p>		