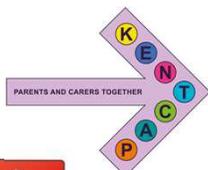




Cabinet Committee SEND Update 10th May 2022

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Demand:



Statutory assessment requests

Year	Month	Requests	Average
2020	Jan	314	300
	Feb	295	
	Mar	292	
2021	Jan	299	351
	Feb	308	
	Mar	445	
2022	Jan	287	319
	Feb	293	
	Mar	376	



EHCPs and SEN Support

CYP 0-25 with EHCPs

2019: 11,763

2021: 15,281

March 2022: 18,186

School age CYP with EHCPs

2019: 7,860

2021: 9,861

2022: 12,526

School age CYP on SEN support

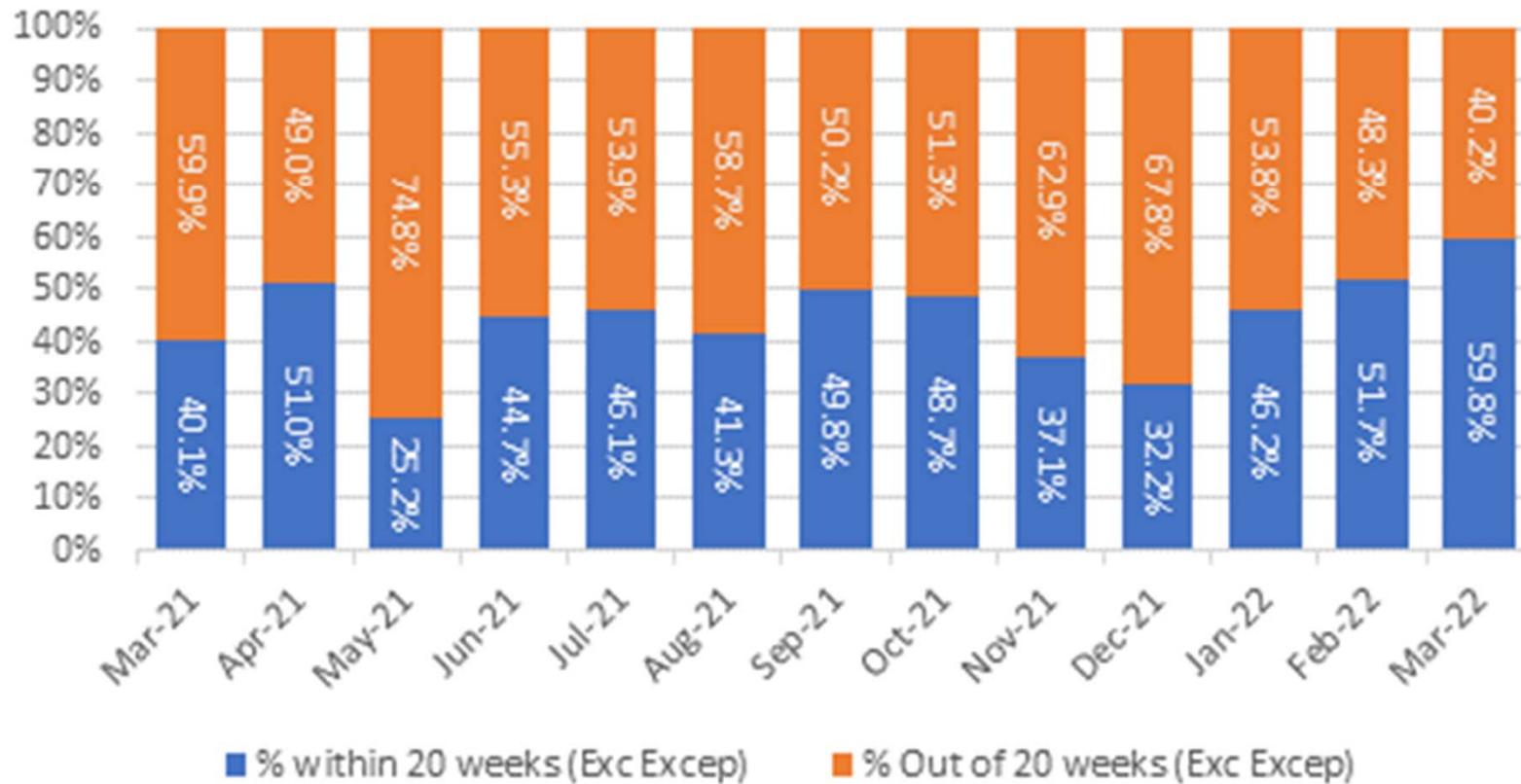
2019: 24,465

2021: 27,039

Meeting Demand:



EHCP Issued within 20 weeks (Exc Exceptions)



Healthwatch award

- Our ongoing engagement regarding the development of SEND has received recognition from Kent and Medway Healthwatch.
- It reads; 'for excellence in listening to people's views and thoughts about services.'
- PACT also received an award for giving the parents of SEND children a voice in Kent.



SEN Redesign



The SEN service has a new permanent senior management team who are now considering the design of the service to enable it to be fit for the future.

They have led on a recent round of engagement events with more than 175 staff attending across the county.

The feedback from these events has enable the leadership team to firm up the operating model and relook at the timeline of any redesign to ensure the SEND service thoroughly understand the interdependencies across the rest of CYPE.

The intention is to go to formal staff consultation now on any proposed changes in May '22, followed by the delivery of new ways of working, including structure, from Sept '22.

Following the engagement events it is clear that there is a real sense of staff being ready for change and wanting the improvements outlined in the operating model to become a reality, our aim is to enable this to happen with a smooth transition.

Long Awaited SEND Green Paper



The Government's SEND and alternative provision green paper, published Tuesday 29 March, sets out its vision for a single, national SEND and alternative provision (AP) system.

Detailed proposals in the SEND and alternative provision green paper include:

Setting new national standards

A simplified Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

A new legal requirement for councils to introduce 'local inclusion plans'.

Improving oversight and transparency

A new national framework for councils for banding and tariffs for HNF

Changing the culture and practice in mainstream education

Improving workforce training

A reformed and integrated role for alternative provision (AP),