

Information and Data used to carry out your assessment

The LA is responsible for issuing and maintaining Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) for children and young people between the ages of 0-25 years. Figure 1 show that, as of January 2022, this totalled 17,733 children and young people with an EHCP. This is an increase of 2,452 since January 2021, an increase of 16% compared to 9.9% in England.

Figure 1 also shows that Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) remains the most common primary need type with 42.4% of children and young people with an EHCP (0-25 years) having ASD identified as their primary need. This is a decrease from 42.7% in January 2021. The second highest in Kent is Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) at 20.2% an increase from 19% in January 2021.

Figure 1: EHCPs by age group and need type January 2022

| SEN Need Type | Under 5 | Aged 5-10 | Aged 11-15 | Aged 16-19 | Aged 20-25 | Total | % |
|---|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| Autistic Spectrum Disorder | 241 | 2429 | 2630 | 1438 | 773 | 7511 | 42.4% |
| Hearing Impairment | 9 | 66 | 62 | 47 | 29 | 213 | 1.2% |
| Moderate Learning Difficulty | 26 | 314 | 365 | 233 | 163 | 1101 | 6.2% |
| Multi-Sensory Impairment | 4 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 20 | 0.1% |
| Physical Disability | 39 | 201 | 196 | 153 | 74 | 663 | 3.7% |
| Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulty | 22 | 162 | 112 | 62 | 31 | 389 | 2.2% |
| Severe Learning Difficulty | 29 | 232 | 318 | 182 | 162 | 923 | 5.2% |
| Social, Emotional and Mental Health | 13 | 725 | 1520 | 950 | 374 | 3582 | 20.2% |
| Specific Learning Difficulty | 1 | 46 | 155 | 83 | 38 | 323 | 1.8% |
| Speech, Language and Communication Needs | 267 | 1219 | 772 | 399 | 248 | 2905 | 16.4% |
| Visual Impairment | 10 | 30 | 27 | 18 | 18 | 103 | 0.6% |
| Kent Total | 661 | 5429 | 6164 | 3568 | 1911 | 17733 | |

Source: SEN2 Return January 2022

Figure 2 outlines the forecast increase in EHCPs for Years R to Year 11 across all districts/boroughs. The number of new EHCPs forecasted is population driven. It is produced by calculating the rates of new EHCPs by key population age groups, based on the 2021 EHCP figures. These rates are applied to the Kent population forecast figures to estimate the number of new EHCPs for the next eight years. The forecasts would suggest an increase in ECHPs for all need types except SLD/PLMD. The places at The Beacon Walmer will support the forecast increase in EHCPs particularly for pupils with ASD and MLD/SPLD/SLD.

Figure 2: Forecast increase in EHCPs for Years R to Year 11 across all districts/boroughs

| Need | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ASD | 4,600 | 5,285 | 5,568 | 5,774 | 5,949 | 6,040 | 6,074 | 6,045 | 6,033 | 5,996 |

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| SEMH | 1,810 | 2,256 | 2,456 | 2,610 | 2,726 | 2,807 | 2,836 | 2,814 | 2,764 | 2,751 |
| SLCN | 1,787 | 2,240 | 2,572 | 2,873 | 3,137 | 3,379 | 3,556 | 3,691 | 3,821 | 3,887 |
| MLD/SPLD | 762 | 901 | 1,007 | 1,081 | 1,134 | 1,190 | 1,210 | 1,212 | 1,208 | 1,209 |
| SLD/PMLD | 870 | 869 | 832 | 795 | 764 | 729 | 702 | 681 | 641 | 614 |
| Other | 609 | 638 | 661 | 659 | 684 | 692 | 698 | 714 | 717 | 717 |
| Total | 10,438 | 12,189 | 13,096 | 13,791 | 14,393 | 14,837 | 15,076 | 15,156 | 15,185 | 15,173 |