

EQIA Submission – ID Number**Section A****EQIA Title**

Implementation of agreements for Pupil Referral Units - PRUs - in Kent

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Type of Activity**Service Change**

No

Service Redesign

No

Project/Programme

No

Commissioning/Procurement

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Strategy/Policy

No

Details of other Service Activity

No

Accountability and Responsibility**Directorate**

Children Young People and Education

Responsible Service

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Aims and Objectives

Kent County Council (KCC) has a statutory duty to ensure that all children and young people receive suitable education, under the Children and Families Act 2014 and the SEND Code of Practice (2015). This includes children and young people who have been, or who are at risk of, permanent exclusion from mainstream school for behaviour or health issues. Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) provide education to this cohort of children with a view to supporting reintegration into mainstream provision

There are five Behaviour and one Health Need PRUs in Kent, the majority of which are maintained by KCC, except Estuary Academy Alternative Provision (AP) and Olive Academy that are part of Academy Trusts. The Rosewood School is KCC's Health PRU.

Agreements between KCC and PRUs that detail expectations in relation to the delivery of provision have expired and revised legally binding contracts and / or agreements are required to provide clarity, accountability and legal protection to both parties in relation to the ongoing provision of this service.

The aim of this assessment to is to determine the potential impact of implementing such contracts and agreements on children and young people who are being educated in, and adults that are working in PRU settings.