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Request for Information: Ref NCC-031858-18

Children with special educational needs

Thank you for your request for information relating to children with special educational needs. I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

1) In the last three years for which figures are available (Sept 2017, Sept 2016 and Sept 2015) could you please provide the following information?

a) How many children classed as SEND were placed in their first-choice secondary school and what is that as a percentage of the number who applied?

b) How many children classed as SEND were placed in their second-choice secondary school and what is that as a percentage of the number who applied?

c) How many children classed as SEND were placed in their third-choice secondary school and what is that as a percentage of the number who applied?

d) How many children classed as SEND were not placed in their first, second or third choice secondary schools and what is that as a percentage of the number who applied?

A child's SEND status does not form part of the oversubscription criteria used to allocate places except that "All children whose statement of special educational needs (SEN) or Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan names the school must be admitted." (School Admissions Code 2014 paragraph 1.6).

The code further states in paragraph 1.9h that admission authorities must not "discriminate against or disadvantage disabled children, those with special educational needs, or those applying for admission outside their normal age group where an admission authority has agreed to this under paragraphs 2.17 to 2.17B;" Places should only be allocated in line with the determined admission arrangements and the oversubscription criteria for the school.

While NCC does collate information about the numbers of children on roll at a school who have SEND this information was not gathered as part of the process for allocating secondary school places. (Data team dealing with census returns?) It is not possible to answer these questions as individual children's SEND status may change.

We hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the contact details below. In addition and for future

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