

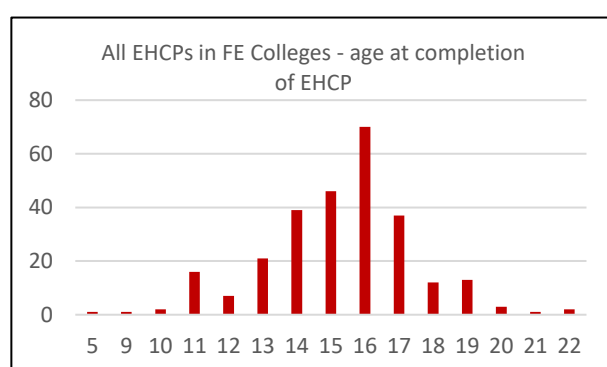
SEND Sufficiency – Initial Trends Analysis

a. School Population

- I. Overall school capacity is static – 0.3% increase over the next 2 years
- II. Primary population is reducing gradually and secondary still increasing in line with the national population ‘curve’

b. EHCPs

- I. The percentage of EHCPs in the CWC school population has increased significantly from 3.1 to 3.5%, 2020-2021. Whilst this is in line with the rest of the country the increase could be inflated, possibly due in part to Covid but this should not be assumed.
- II. However, CWC has the second highest percentage of EHCPs compared to its statistical neighbours, the average of these being 3.1%. The rate is slightly lower than that for West Midlands and England (3.6 and 3.7% resp.).
- III. The percentage of new EHCPs placed in mainstream schools is increasing and reducing for special schools. This can be considered a positive trend provided the right support is available in schools.
- IV. **50% of all new EHCPs** were issued to **primary age** children with a further 15% to under fives. The proportion of EHCPs is increasing in all age groups except secondary.
- V. FE Sector
 - 65% of FE EHCPs are for ASD/MLD/SEMH
 - 71% of EHCPs (192) for FE Students were completed between ages 14-17, 25.8% when aged 16



c. SEN Support

- I. The percentage of children with SEN Support in CWC showed a slight drop from 2020 to 2021 whilst in contrast the rate continues to increase slowly in the rest of the country.

% FSM CWC	2020-2021
Primary	51.3
Secondary	46.7
Special school	51.9
PRU	70.0

- d. Whilst eligibility for FSM is higher for children with SEN the rate is increasing at a similar rate for both CYP with no SEN or with SEN.
- e. In CWC the prevalence of ASD and SLCN has increased over last two years, whilst the prevalence of SEMH has dropped slightly.

EHCPs	2019-2020	% share	2020-2021	% share
ASD	274	18.5%	368	21.7%
MLD	207	13.9%	229	13.5%
SLD	210	14.2%	205	12.1%
SEMH	251	16.9%	271	16.0%
SLCN	179	12.1%	234	13.8%
Total	1,484		1,698	

However, the prevalence of ASD EHCPs in CWC is considerably lower than either national (30.5%), Regional (26.6%) or statistical neighbours (33%)

An increase in ASD is not unexpected but could be overstated due to incorrect or late diagnoses – further investigation is needed. Possibly related, the increase in SLCN needs further investigation via case reviews to understand the causes.

- f. Rates of permanent and fixed term exclusions reduced between 2018-19 and 2019-20 in line with regional and national trends
- g. Rates of permanent and fixed term exclusions are highest in special schools, approx. twice that of secondary schools which in turn are six times higher than primary schools.