

# Children and Young People Select Committee

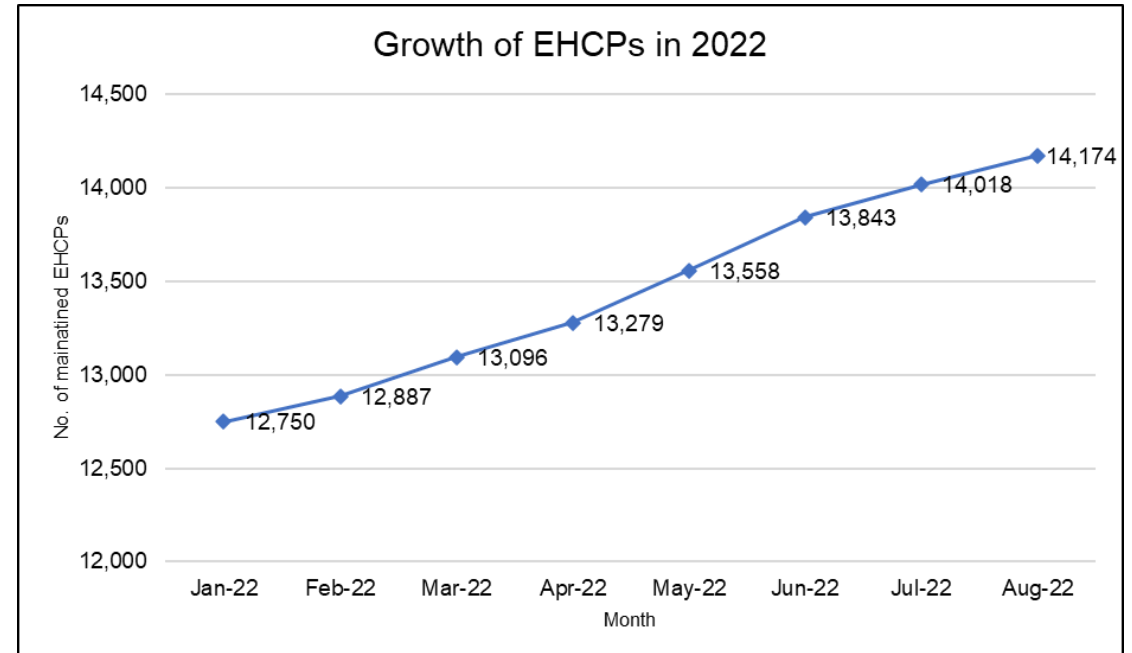
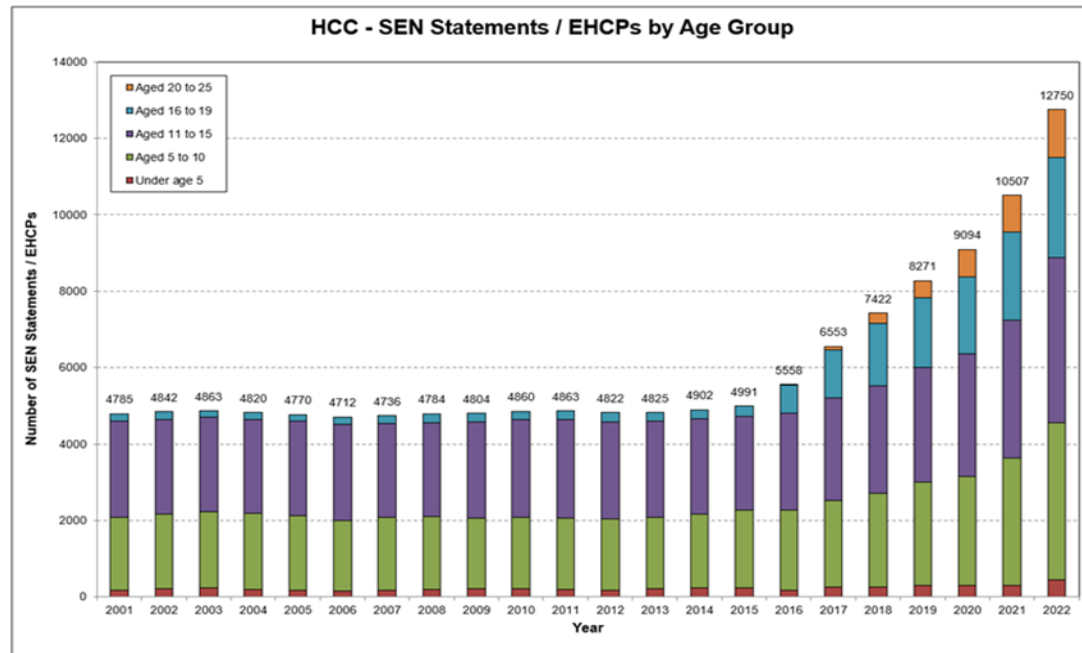
## SEND Update October 2022

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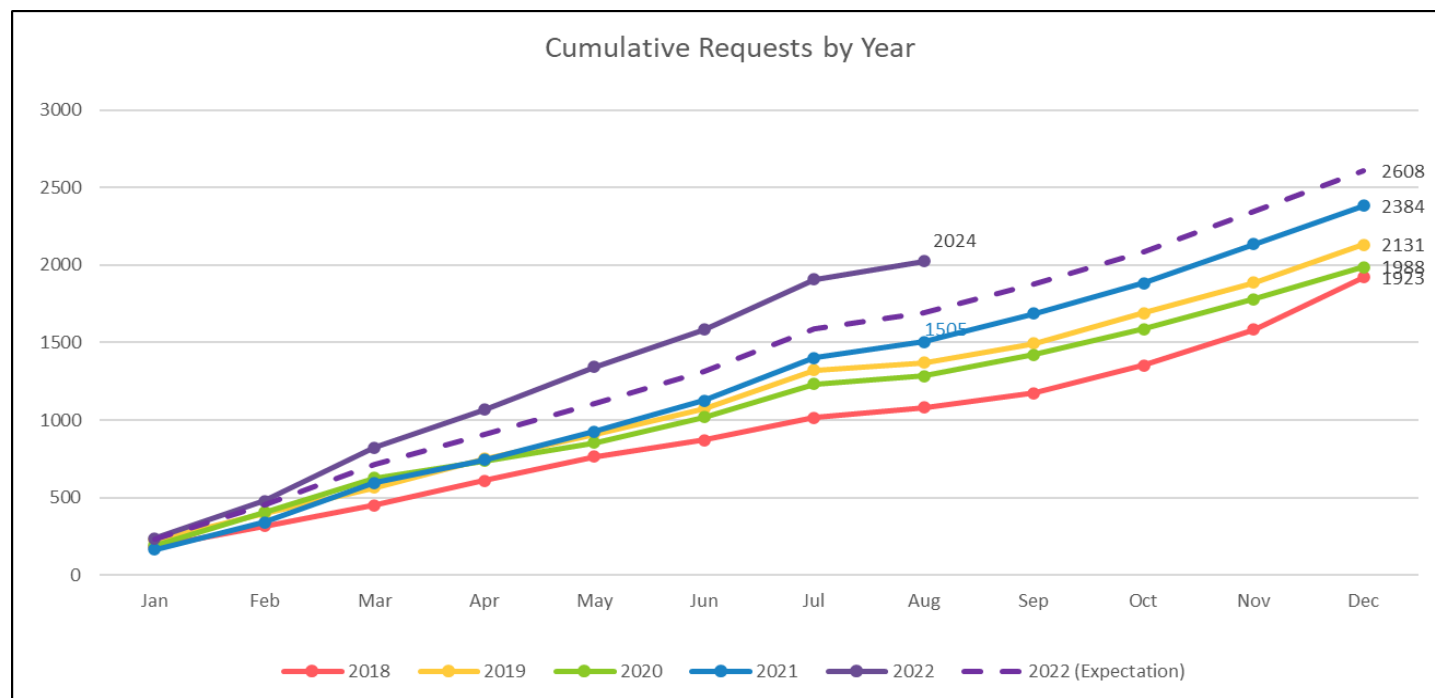
# Maintained EHC Plans

Overall, since the reforms took effect in 2015 there has been a 155% increase in the number of EHC Plans being maintained (as at January 2022)

This growth has continued in 2022 and Hampshire are now maintaining over 14,000 EHC Plans



# Requests for EHC Assessments



- At the end of August 2022, we have received over 2,000 requests for assessment this calendar year. Over 500 more than the highest previous total up to this point.
- Demand is greatly exceeding the 10% increased demand scenario and is currently just above 30% increased demand.

The 2022 (Expectation) line corresponds to the 10% forecasting scenario agreed by the board and is currently being used for operational planning by SEN and HIEP

# Issuing EHC Plans - timeliness

Date	20 week performance in month	20 week calendar year cumulative	Date	20 week performance in month	20 week calendar year cumulative
January 2021	2.0% (2/99)	2.0%	January 2022	21.0% (38/181)	21.0%
February 2021	8.8% (9/102)	5.5%	February 2022	18.5% (32/173)	19.8%
March 2021	7.9% (12/152)	7.0%	March 2022	39.7% (87/219)	27.4%
April 2021	4.8% (6/126)	6.5%	April 2022	56.7% (118/208)	35.2%
May 2021	9.1% (12/132)	6.1%	May 2022	31.7% (93/293)	34.0%
June 2021	8.0% (18/224)	7.1%	June 2022	50.3% (145/288)	37.3%
July 2021	9.7% (26/267)	7.7%	July 2022	55.2% (127/230)	39.9%
August 2021	8.4% (19/227)	7.8%	August 2022	64.4% (123/191)	42.5%
September 2021	27.1% (64/234)	10.7%			
October 2021	22.6% (56/248)	12.4%			
November 2021	28.4% (85/299)	14.6%			
December 2021	30.7% (51/166)	15.8%			

- In 2021, the service issued 2,276 plans. So far in 2022, the Service has issued 1,783, which is 454 more than at the same point in 2021.
- Both the 20-week performance in month and cumulative have far exceeded the previous year's performance.

# SEN Support

- In March 2022, schools and early years providers were offered the opportunity to come together in collaborative groups, to bid for funding to support research-based, sector-led projects designed to build capacity in meeting need at the SEN Support level.
- There were 13 successful bids spanning around 80 settings in total. From September 2022, these bids have been developed into project action plans which are now being implemented.
- Projects are due to run until March 2024, with the intended impact being a more skilled workforce and therefore greater capacity to improve provision and outcomes at the level of SEN Support. An evaluation framework is in place. The cost to the High Needs budget is £440,000.

# SEN Place Planning

- Hampshire's capital allocation from DfE for the financial years 2022-24 to support the creation of new specialist places or the improvement of existing provision (for pupils with SEND or requiring Alternative Provision (AP)) is around £30 million.
- In September 2022, Hampshire has opened a 90-place co-educational provision for pupils aged 10-16 years with Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs at Samuel Cody School in Farnborough.
- A bid is being submitted to the DfE as part of the Free School programme for two new special schools

# Current SEND Schemes in Development

Area / School	Places/ Type of School	Proposed Opening Date
Osborne School, Winchester	20 SLD	March 2022
Riverside School, Waterlooville	20 MLD/SLD	March 2022
Hollywater School, Bordon	8 SLD	Sept 2022
Norman Gate School, Andover	10 MLD/ASC	Sept 2022
Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College, Farnborough	90 SEMH	Sept 2022
Icknield School, Andover	10 SLD	Dec 2022
Mark Way School, Andover	20 MLD/ASC	Feb 2023
Henry Tyndale School, Farnborough	35 SLD / ASC	Sept 2023

**Key**

**ASC** – Autistic Spectrum Condition **MLD** – Moderate Learning Difficulty **SEMH** – Social, Emotional & Mental Health **SLD** – Severe Learning Difficulty

# Preparation for Adulthood

- As part of the All our Talents action plan, four SEND Employability Hubs became operational in Autumn 2020, designed around a strong employment pathway, and premised on employer engagement.
- A further four Hubs became operational in Autumn 2022 in Basingstoke, Totton, Fareham and Andover.
- In Autumn 2022, the first of four planned Independence Hubs opened in Alton. Located at FE colleges (post 16 resource provision), each Hub will support the needs of young people with SLD and/or complex needs, helping them develop independence skills within the communities where they will live and work.

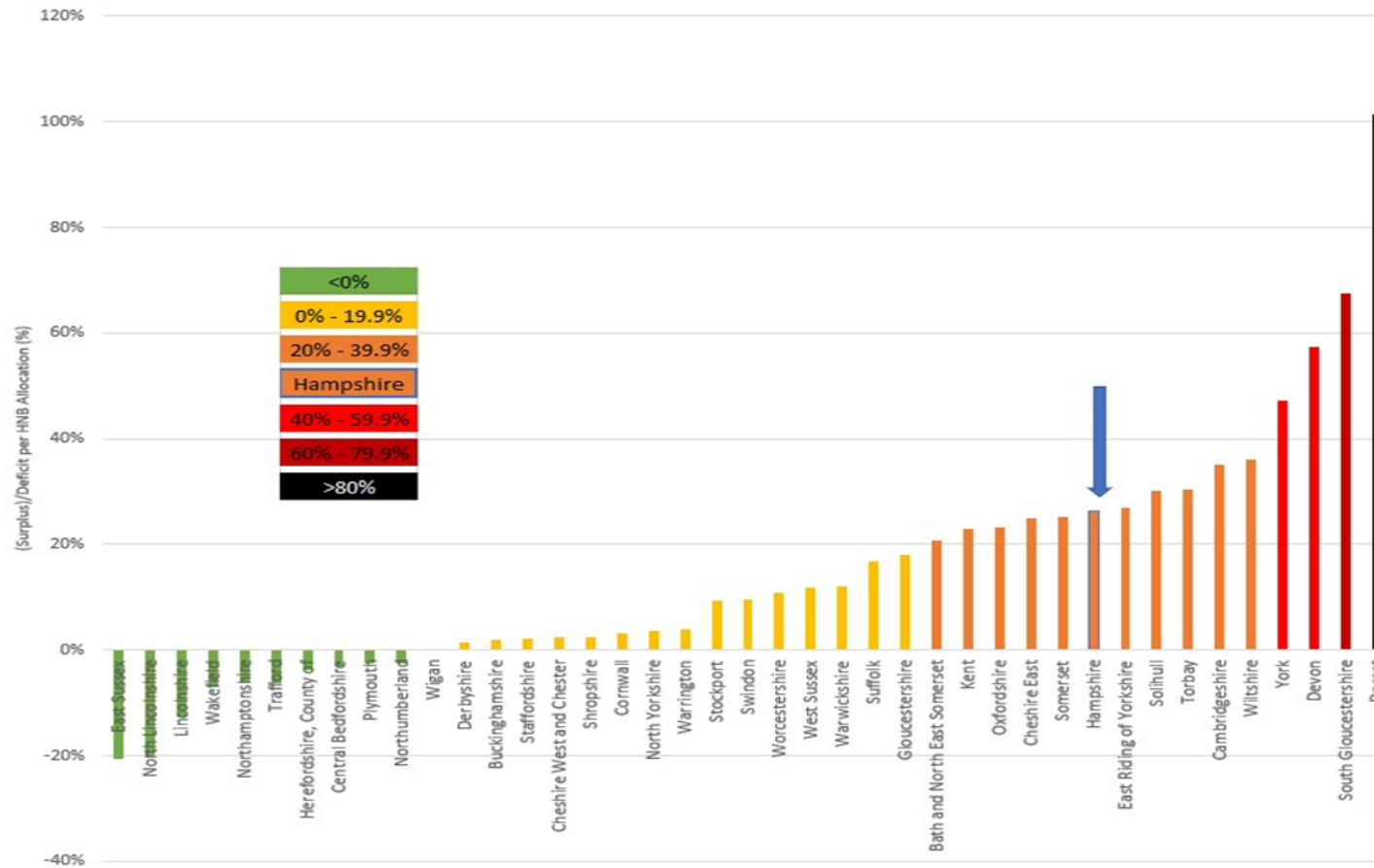


# High Needs Block Funding

- The increase in plans places a pressure on the high needs budget which is part of the dedicated schools grant funding provision for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities.
- The budget for 2021/22 was £143.1 million but there was an overspend of £27.7 million
- The overspend not only reflects an overall increase in plans, which includes post 19 young people (which have never been additionally funded by the government). The growth reflects the need to place children and young people in the independent non-maintained sector, which is due to the rise of the number of EHC Plans and the increasing rise in requests for specialist placements.

# High Needs Block Budget

f40 Authorities DSG (Surplus)/Deficit 2020/21



- The graph shows the level of High Needs deficit as a proportion of the LAs High Needs Block.
- If Hampshire was funded at the South East local authorities average level, then we would receive an additional £35.5 million which would deliver a forecasted surplus budget.

# High Needs Performance Oversight Programme

- The High Needs, Performance and Oversight Programme draws together seventeen Local Authority improvement workstreams across the SEND system.
- Three sub-programmes:
  - ‘Right Support, Right Time’ focusses on early identification of need and interventions to meet need effectively at the earlier stages of the SEND pathway.
  - ‘Improve Outcomes, Control Costs’ maximises strengths based, person centred approaches to achieve improved outcomes for children and young people with an EHCP while controlling high needs costs.
  - ‘Continuous Improvement’ is focussed on improving Local Authority performance against its SEND statutory obligations.
- The programme has been in place in its current format since January 2022 and its board meets monthly to monitor progress.

# Delivering Better Value

- The Delivering Better Value Programme (DBV) is commissioned by the DfE supporting 55 LAs to identify the highest impact, sustainable changes that the LA can make to better support local CYP with SEND.
- Hampshire has been selected to participate in the programme and is one of the LAs in tranche one.
- The programme will be underpinned by comprehensive data-driven and evidence-led baselining and diagnostic phases which are currently underway. Once complete, LAs will be supported to create an implementation plan.
- Newton and The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) have been appointed to work with the local authorities involved.
- DBV Implementation plans will build on the High Needs Performance and Oversight Programme already in place in Hampshire and will address the underlying challenges in the high needs system.