SEN and PRU Places

Slough has recently established the Special Education Needs School Organisation Group (SEN SOG), a group comprising officers, headteachers and Cambridge Education. The group has been tasked with developing an additional needs strategy and agreeing a programme to create the increased capacity required to 2022.

Forecasts

Forecasts of demand for Special Educational Needs (SEN) places and Alternative Provision for those not in school (pupil referral units or PRUs), are primarily based on the assumption that the current proportion of the population requiring such places will remain constant. So for example, if forecasts indicate a 50% growth in a year group over 5 years, then it is assumed that the demand for SEN and PRU places for that year group will increase also by 50% over 5 years.

Place Planning to 2022

i) SEN

The table below summarises the SEN growth required from 2013 to 2022 based on the forecast methodology described above.

Place Type	Primary	Secondary	Post-16	Total
Mainstream	35	62	4	101
Resourced Units	22	27	1	50
Special School	24	83	11	117
Total places	82	172	15	269
Growth	21%	49%	21%	

Where a pupil is recorded as mainstream, this means that they have a statement of SEN and are fully integrated into mainstream schooling and do not require specialist provision for parts of the day. Although, pupils in this category may require adaptations to the building to ensure accessibility can be maintained.

In 2013 and 2014, SEN resource units were opened at Slough and Eton CE, Godolphin Infant and Godolphin Junior, Castleview and Priory Schools, Slough Centre and Baylis Court Nurseries. Despite this growth in provision there remains a pressure on places in all sectors.

ii) PRU

In consultation with SEN SOG it has been decided to explore expanding existing provision in the first instance rather than seek to open new schools. Both Slough's PRU schools are Good or Outstanding as rated by Ofsted and are best placed to understand the specific types of provision that are needed in the coming years in Slough. Haybrook College and Littledown offer both SEN and PRU places and are able to create bespoke units within their schools as required, where capital and revenue funding permit.

iii) Pipeline of Projects

The table below summarises the draft expansion programme for both SEN and PRU places. A number of these projects are still under discussion and are subject to agreement on numbers, SEN type, opening dates and budget requirements.

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		2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Totals
Resource Unit Places	Priory	10							10
	Ditton Park			4	4	4	4	4	20
	SASH2				3	3	3	6	15
	Early Years Assessment Unit		10						10
Special School Places	Littledown – primary places	6	8	6	5	5			30
	Littledown – secondary places		2	2	2	2	2		10
	Arbour Vale/ Free School			90					90
	New project/s						?		40
PRU Places	Existing school or new school		25	25	25	25			100

The recently opened resource units and those above cater almost exclusively for ASD and/or Complex Needs, areas of rising need both nationally and locally. Growth in demand for other types of need is expected to be relatively low but this will be closely monitored and existing units expanded or new units proposed where they are required.