

Appendix 2

Census comparative analysis: SEN2 2018 and 2019

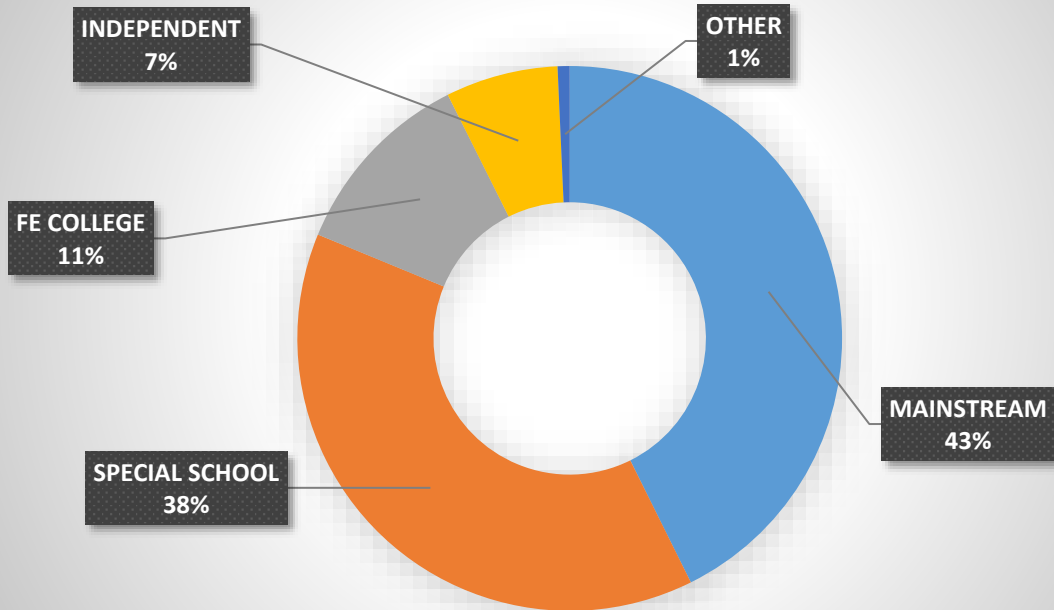
1. Introduction

This report analyses the data from the last 2 years' statutory SEN2 data returns, and draws comparisons in order to inform decisions regarding Croydon's High Needs Block allocation and recovery plan.

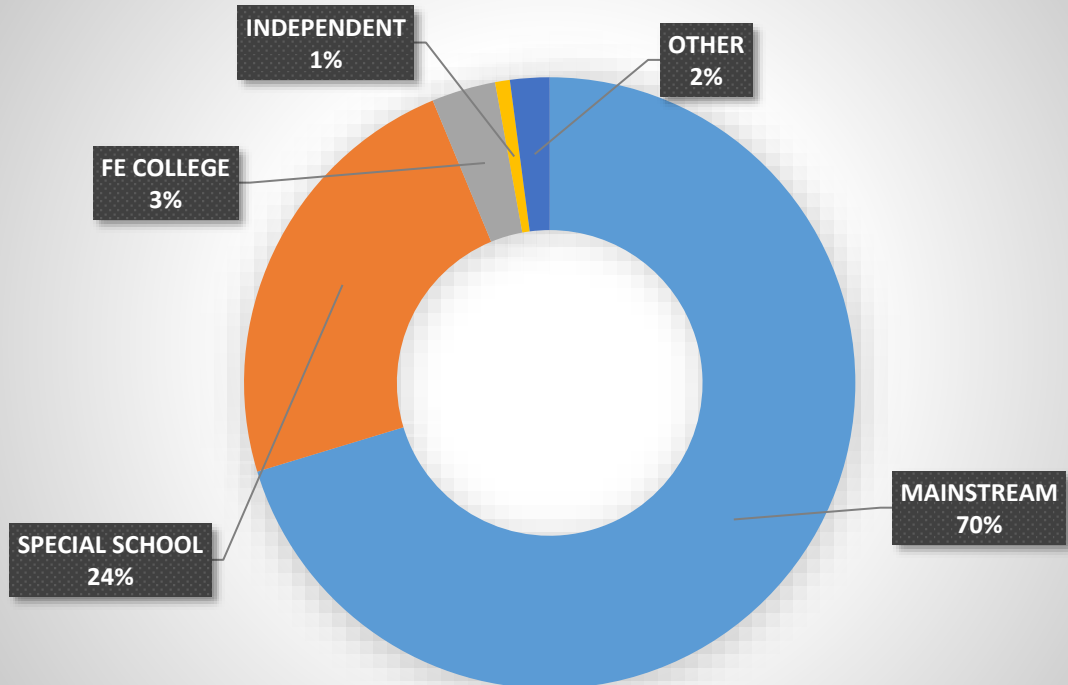
2. Key Features

- Overall EHC Plan numbers are still rising despite rigorous application of the legislation and efforts to ensure new EHC needs assessments and EHC Plans are for those children who need additional and different provision, over and above that which can be provided at SEN Support through the effective use of notional SEN funding. Narrative from school SENCOs indicates that mainstream schools' financial status and the number of schools in deficit or on the verge of deficit budgets has put pressure on capacity to meet children's needs from school block DSG allocation.
- Post-16 continues to be an issue, with more new plans issued in this age range this year and few EHC Plans ceased. The increase in age range of EHC plans up to 25 years through the introduction of the Children and Families Act, with no additional associated funding has been a key factor in the current High Needs Block overspend. We are working with Croydon College and adult social care colleagues to establish a clearer pathway and transition into adulthood. This is likely to take a number of years to have a real financial impact.
- Early Years assessments and the issuing of EHC Plans have increased. From September 2019 and to address the provision for children with SEN early as they transition into school, Personalised Inclusion Funding, is being continued until the end of the EY Foundation Stage (Reception Year). The expectation is, that as a consequence, this trend will show signs of slowing down, as children have their needs met early.
- The number of new plans being issued where the pupil remains in the mainstream sector is 70%, which is positive.

SEN2 2019 All Pupils by Placement Type



SEN2 2019 New EHC Plans by Placement Type



Age Range	Number of EHC Plans SEN2 2018	Number of EHC Plans SEN2 2019	% change
Under age 5	120	132	10.0
Aged 5 to 10	1019	1072	5.2
Aged 11 to 15	984	1092	11.0
Aged 16 to 19	506	601	18.8
Aged 20 to 25	64	102	59.4
	2693	2999	11.4

New Cases

Age Range	Number of EHC Plans SEN2 2018	Number of EHC Plans SEN2 2019	% change
Under age 5	116	132	13.8
Aged 5 to 10	170	162	-4.7
Aged 11 to 15	71	77	8.5
Aged 16 to 19	7	17	142.9
Aged 20 to 25	1	1	0.0
	365	389	6.6

Type of placement for new cases

Provision	Number of EHC Plans SEN2 2018	Number of EHC Plans SEN2 2019	% change
Early Years	2	2	0.0%
State-funded Mainstream	213	233	9.4%
State-funded Mainstream Resourced Provision	42	37	-11.9%
State-funded Special School	79	90	13.9%
Independent Placements (Pre & Post-16)	3	3	0.0%
Post 16 (FE and 6th Form)	3	13	333.3%