

CHILDREN OUT OF YEAR – CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

REPORT BY ADMISSIONS AND TRANSPORT MANAGER

LOCAL ADMISSIONS FORUM

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Wards Affected

Countywide

Purpose

To consider and provide responses to the Children Out of Year General Advice Document.

Financial Implications

None.

Background

The Children and Young People's Directorate has produced a document "General Advice for mainstream schools and pupil referral units on the placement of children outside their chronological year group". This is attached as Appendix 1.1 to this report. The paper indicates the reasons why this advice has been produced. The intention is for it to be circulated across the Authority and adopted as a working document.

Issues

The Local Admissions Forum (LAF) will note the issues that arise from placing children out of year in section three of the document. This is not solely an issue within Herefordshire, but is a national one, one which has been considered through a wide range of research indicated in the document.

Recommendation

THAT: LAF consider the attached document and provide a response to the Children and Young People's Directorate.

Considerations

It is important for the Local Authority to issue this general advice, to ensure as far as possible that children and young people are not ultimately disadvantaged by placing out of year.

Risk Management

None

Background Papers

None

Appendices

Appendix 1.1 - Draft Advice for mainstream schools and pupil referral units on the placement of children outside their chronological year group and specific procedures to be followed before making such a placement.