

Northumberland County Council



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Changes to charging for PRU placements

The profile of pupils being admitted over the last year has changed considerably.

This has inevitably changed our designation/remit with approximately 75% of pupils having an EHCP assessment during the PRU placement. In the year 2016-17, 75% of pupils left with a plan – 88% of those moved on to a special education provision.

The behaviour of referred pupils is increasingly challenging, confrontational, aggressive and violent.

To maintain the safety and well-being (physical & emotional) of staff and pupils, we have agreed to recruit and deploy additional teaching assistants to manage risk, to broaden curriculum and enrichment activities and to provide increased pastoral support.

These changes will unfortunately result in an increased cost to commissioners. From April 2018 the weekly cost to commission a PRU placement will be £66 per day. These costs will continue to be transferred by internal transfer (NCC schools) or invoice (Academies) on a half termly basis.

We are unable to offer single days and placements will be charged in weekly units during term time (190 days). Commissioners may split the week between 2 pupils if appropriate.

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