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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to Provision for children on the autistic spectrum.

You have requested the following information:

I read that Coventry has been praised by Ofsted for general provision.

1. Could you tell me what actual provision is available in the city for children diagnosed as being 'on the spectrum'?

Neurodiversity/autism spectrum disorders is a broad descriptor for a very diverse range of needs which requires a continuum of provision for children diagnosed as being 'on the spectrum'. Coventry City Council offers a range of specialist support to secure appropriate provision in mainstream schools, which includes training and outreach from the specialist support service. This consists of 19 teachers with ASC qualifications, 4 specialist practitioners to enable young people experiencing anxiety who struggle with attendance, and 21 Educational Psychologists.

To advise and assist you further, we have attached our report which will provide you with further information on how Coventry City Council provides specialist support to diagnosed children.

Our specialist placements include:

- an enhanced resourced provision at Alderman's Green School
- an enhanced resourced provision at Aldermoor Farm Primary School

- a special secondary school for ASC - Corley Centre

Our range of generic special schools include (please be advised ASC represents 30 - 80% of intake):

- Castlewood Special School (primary)
- Kingsbury Special Academy (primary)
- Tiverton Special School (primary)
- Sherbourne Special School (age 4 to 19)
- Baginton Fields Special School (secondary)
- Riverbank Special School (secondary)

2. Are these children still being referred to centres outside the city?

We confirm some of our diagnosed children have been referred to public-funded special schools within neighbouring local authorities, which includes:

Exhall Grange Special School (age 4 to 19) Warwickshire Academy (secondary)

Specialist public-funded centres in Nuneaton, Bedworth, Rugby and Leamington are used when appropriate to provide provisional support to diagnosed children. Educational provision for diagnosed children within the independent and non-maintained sector are also part of the Local Offer.

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Yours faithfully

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Growth in EHC Plans

Growth in EHCNA requests

	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22
EHCNA Requests	433	436	552	495	601
Requests refused	137	122	152	162	241*
Percentage refused	31.64%	27.98%	27.54%	32.73%	40.10%

Projection of EHCPs if numbers increase in line with average growth rates

Date	EHCP's	% increase on previous year
Jan-16	1,559	
Jan-17	1,724	10.58%
Jan-18	1,863	8.06%
Jan-19	2,084	11.86%
Jan-20	2,145	2.93%
Jan-21	2,350	9.56%
Jan-22	2,587	10.09%
Jan-23	2,840	9.77% (projection)
Jan-24	3,117	9.77% (projection)
Jan-25	3,393	8.85% (projection)
Jan-26	3,693	8.85% (projection)
Jan-27	4,021	8.85% (projection)

Demand for Broad Spectrum Places

For Primary this depends on the following:

1. Growth in Early years is in line with forecasts
2. Complex children in mainstream or new to city who need specialist provision

For Secondary this depends on the following:

1. Number of yr6 BS transfers
2. Number of yr6 MS transfers
3. Complex children in mainstream or new to city who need specialist provision

Priority Numbers for Special

Pupils identified for specialist provision	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Broad Spectrum primary LA priority	10	33	27	21	28	55
Broad spectrum secondary LA priority	2	6	7	3	7	13
Priority total	12	39	34	24	35	68

Prioritisation depends on the following factors:

1. Complexity of need across the four broad areas of the spectrum
2. Complex children who are not accessing full time education
3. Complex children who have been waiting the longest for specialist provision
4. Complex children who require 1:1 at all times to meet their needs
5. Complex children who are subject to Tribunal
6. Complex children who are LAC
7. Complex children at significant risk of permanent exclusion
8. Complex new to city/country children with no provision who cannot access mainstream

Demand in Primary BS	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28
Early Years intake	55	54	54	54	54	54
MS Priority for Primary BS	54	50	64	70	76	88
Total for Primary BS	109	104	118	124	130	142
BS Primary Leavers (end of previous academic year)	70	67	75	75	69	66
Placements Shortfall	39	37	43	49	61	76
Additional Places Agreed	16	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
Unplaced added to priority	23	37	43	49	61	76

- It is assumed that 54 placements will be available in reception for BS primary
- On average 27 pupils remain on the priority list for BS primary
- For 22-23 an additional 27 EYs children are undergoing assessment and are likely to require BS placements bringing the total Priority numbers to 54
- Unplaced children on the Priority list will be accounted for in Priority numbers the following year

Demand in Secondary BS	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28
BS Primary Yr6 transfers	70	69	75	75	69	66
Less Sherbourne Yr6 Transfers staying on	10	20	14	13	9	15
MS Primary Yr6 transfers	19	19	19	19	19	19
MS Priority for Secondary	7	4	25	45	57	65
Total for Secondary BS	86	70	105	126	136	135
BS Secondary Yr12	65	58	60	71	66	77
BS Secondary Yr13	36	65	58	60	71	66
BS Secondary Yr14	34	36	65	58	60	71
Total P16	135	159	183	189	197	214
BS Secondary Leavers (Est.)	55	49	64	73	76	79
Placements Shortfall	31	21	41	53	61	56
Additional Places Agreed	28	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
Yr6 Agreed OLA BS	3	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
Unplaced added to priority	0	21	41	53	61	56

- Sherbourne transfers have been taken off total as they stay on for yr7
- On average 19 mainstream yr6 are prioritised for BS placements
- On average 4 mainstream pupils across other yr groups are prioritised for secondary BS placements
- It is assumed that 40% of P16 learners will leave BS from 24/25 onwards