

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Exclusion from mainstream Education***

#### **Request:**

I make the following request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. Does the local authority have responsibility for commissioning state-maintained alternative provision for pupils who leave or are excluded from mainstream education? **Yes**
2. Does the local authority have responsibility for commissioning non-state-maintained and independent alternative provision for pupils who leave or are excluded from mainstream education? **Yes**
3. If the answer to the above questions are no, please specify who **does** have responsibility for commissioning alternative provision (state maintained or non-state maintained, please specify which) for pupils who leave or are excluded. The type of body, and their name, who commission this instead, please. **n/a**
4. How many pupils moved into state-maintained alternative provision within the local authority in:
  - a) 2013-14 - **7**
  - b) 2014-15 - **25**
  - c) 2015-16 - **33**
5. How many pupils moved into non-maintained and independent alternative provision within the local authority in:
  - a) 2013-14 - **10**
  - b) 2014-15 - **53**
  - c) 2015-16 - **69**
6. How many pupils have moved into alternative provision who had special educational needs, whether a statement, EHCP or otherwise, in the years a) b) and c) given above.  
**In 2013/14 - 6 Statemented and 4 EHCP**  
**In 2014/15 - 7 statemented and 4 EHCP**  
**In 2015/16 - 7 statemented and 4 EHCP.**

7. How many alternative provision/pupil referral units are there in the local authority? Please split into a) state maintained and b) non-state maintained or independent.  
There are 4 Pupil Referral Units within Wolverhampton Local Authority. Three of these are currently maintained by the local authority. One PRU is non-maintained following conversion to an Academy in September 2016.
8. Does the local authority **have to fund** pupils who move into non-maintained and independent alternative provision, where there not enough places available in state-maintained alternative provision?  
The local authority fund places at all Pupil Referral Units for permanently excluded pupils. Where alternative provision is sourced outside of Pupil Referral Units de-delegated Dedicated Schools Grant funds this provision
9. What is the cost to the local authority of funding pupils in the non-maintained and independent alternative provision sector, in the years  
a) 2013-14 - £267,440  
b) 2014-15 - £107,630  
c) 2015-16 - £298,580
10. What is the average cost of a single pupil's place in state maintained alternative provision? An estimate, please?.  
The estimated **average** cost of a place in 2018/19 in one of the 3 PRU's maintained by the LA is £18,559
11. In the years a) b) and c), please give the number of pregnant girls, broken down by their year group on leaving mainstream school, who moved into alternative provision.  
The local authority is not responsible for placing pregnant girls in alternative provision. Schools commission provision direct from alternative providers if required