

Consultation results

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Fair Access Protocol 2016/17 - Non-statutory Consultation on Potential Revisions to the Protocol

During the consultation period, three responses were received from senior leaders (head teachers/principals) of secondary schools in Wellingborough, East Northamptonshire and Northampton.

Each consultation response raised a wide range of issues, both technical and practical, relating to the way in which consultees felt the Fair Access Protocol could possibly be amended, and/or suggesting the use of alternative data sets to inform the local authority's points-based Fair Access Protocol.

All consultation responses were discussed, in full, at the December 2016 meeting of the Fair Access Protocol Steering Group (PSG). Following on from the consultation feedback received, and as an outcome of the topics discussed at the PSG, the overarching Fair Access Protocol Policy used by Northamptonshire County Council has been revised, updated and clarified.

Of the three consultation responses received, only one disagreed with the proposed removal of SEN category 'K' students from the points-based protocol. The majority of schools in the county agreed with the proposed removal of SEN category 'K' and it is the intention of the local authority to remove this variable from the points-based system used to 'rank' schools in Northamptonshire (e.g. the order in which they would be likely to receive children and young people through the Fair Access Protocol in each district and borough in the county) from January 2017 onwards.

The Fair Access Protocol and Policy will also be discussed at a meeting of Cabinet in February 2017.