

# Children & Young People's Scrutiny Panel

# School Exclusions Wednesday, 5 March 2014

## Background

- Schools have a legal obligation to ensure that all exclusions are lawful, reasonable and fair. This relates to the Equality Act, Race Relations Act and European Convention of Human Rights.
- The Local Authority has a statutory duty to provide suitable education following a permanent exclusion.
- The LA must provide a representative to attend permanent exclusion meetings and provide an independent review panel





## **Issues for Scrutiny**

- In secondary schools there has been a reduction in permanent exclusions. The main reason is the success of the Behaviour and Attendance Collaborative (BAC) and the use of Managed Moves.
- Primary Schools exclusion has increased. This will need monitoring to establish if this is a "spike" or a current trend that may continue.



## **Issues for Scrutiny cont.**

- There is a shortage of primary school places, which makes managed moves difficult to arrange. Moving children often has transport implications.
- The rise in numbers has put pressure on the Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) capacity.
- Preventative placements at the PRU can be bought by schools to avoid a permanent exclusion. (Cost £150 per week plus transport costs)
- For permanently excluded pupils the cost is met by the LA



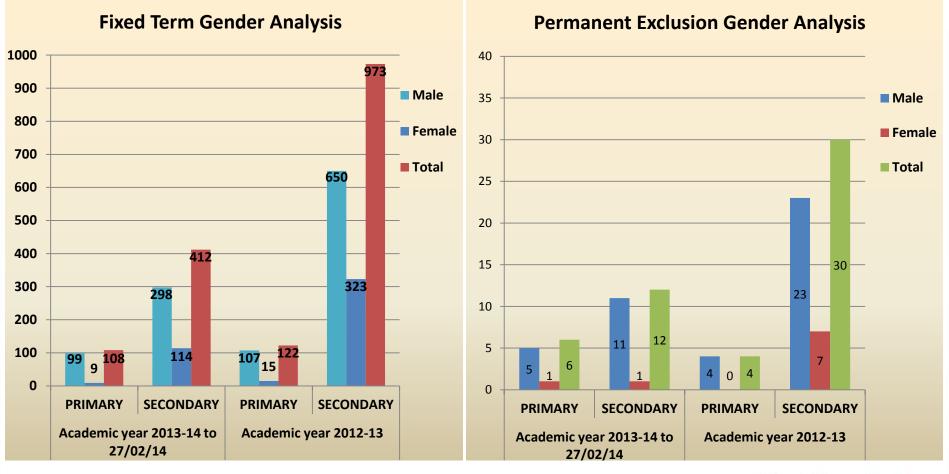
## **Gender Analysis**

|                              | Academic year 2013-14 to 27/02/14 |           | Academic year 2012-13 |           |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|
|                              | PRIMARY                           | SECONDARY | PRIMARY               | SECONDARY |
| Gender Fixed Term Exclusions |                                   |           |                       |           |
| Male                         | 99                                | 298       | 107                   | 650       |
| Female                       | 9                                 | 114       | 15                    | 323       |
| Total                        | 108                               | 412       | 122                   | 973       |

|                             | Academic year 2013-14 to 27/02/14 |           | Academic year 2012-13 |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|
|                             | PRIMARY                           | SECONDARY | PRIMARY               | SECONDARY |
| Gender Permanent Exclusions |                                   |           |                       |           |
| Male                        | 5                                 | 11        | 4                     | 23        |
| Female                      | 1                                 | 1         | 0                     | 7         |
| Total                       | 6                                 | 12        | 4                     | 30        |



#### **Gender Analysis**



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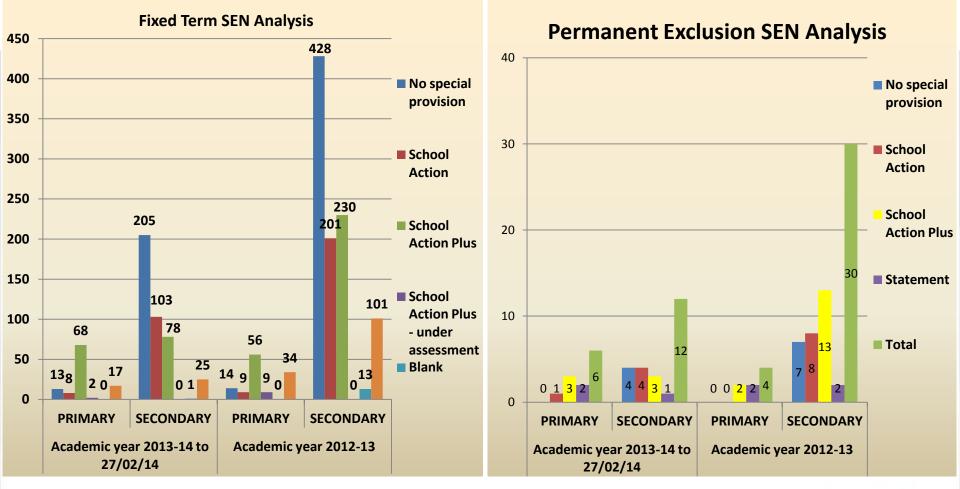
### **SEN Analysis**

|                                       | Academic year 2013-14 to 27/02/14 |           | Academic year 2012-13 |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|
|                                       | PRIMARY                           | SECONDARY | PRIMARY               | SECONDARY |
| SEN Stage Fixed Term Exclusions       |                                   |           |                       |           |
| No special provision                  | 13                                | 205       | 14                    | 428       |
| School Action                         | 8                                 | 103       | 9                     | 201       |
| School Action Plus                    | 68                                | 78        | 56                    | 230       |
| School Action Plus - under assessment | 2                                 | 0         | 9                     | 0         |
| Blank                                 | 0                                 | 1         | 0                     | 13        |
| Statement                             | 17                                | 25        | 34                    | 101       |
| Total                                 | 108                               | 412       | 122                   | 973       |

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|
|                                | PRIMARY                           | SECONDARY | PRIMARY               | SECONDARY |
| SEN Stage Permanent Exclusions |                                   |           |                       |           |
| No special provision           | 0                                 | 4         | 0                     | 7         |
| School Action                  | 1                                 | 4         | 0                     | 8         |
| School Action Plus             | 3                                 | 3         | 2                     | 13        |
| Statement                      | 2                                 | 1         | 2                     | 2         |
| Total                          | 6                                 | 12        | 4                     | 30        |



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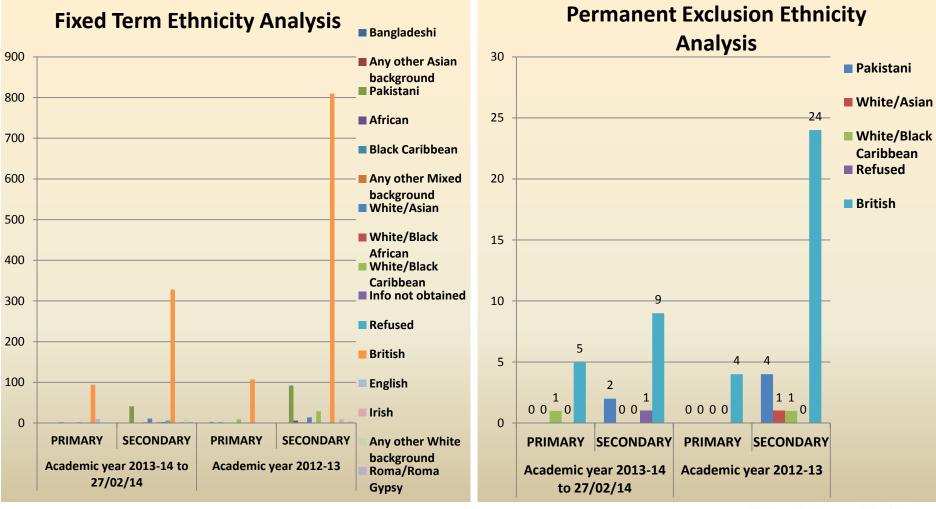


#### **Ethnicity Analysis**

|                                 | Academic year 2013-14 to 27/02/14 |           | Academic year 2012-13 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Ethnicity Fixed Term Exclusions | PRIMARY                           | SECONDARY | PRIMARY               | SECONDARY |
| Bangladeshi                     | 0                                 | 1         | 0                     | 1         |
| Any other Asian background      | 0                                 | 1         | 0                     | 1         |
| Pakistani                       | 1                                 | 41        | 3                     | 92        |
| African                         | 0                                 | 1         | 0                     | 6         |
| Black Caribbean                 | 2                                 | 0         | 2                     | 2         |
| Any other Mixed background      | 0                                 | 2         | 1                     | 2         |
| White/Asian                     | 0                                 | 11        | 0                     | 14        |
| White/Black African             | 0                                 | 1         | 0                     | 0         |
| White/Black Caribbean           | 2                                 | 3         | 9                     | 29        |
| Info not obtained               | 0                                 | 2         | 0                     | 0         |
| Refused                         | 0                                 | 6         | 0                     | 0         |
| British                         | 94                                | 328       | 107                   | 810       |
| English                         | 9                                 | 0         | 0                     | 0         |
| Irish                           | 0                                 | 3         | 0                     | 9         |
| Any other White background      | 0                                 | 9         | 0                     | 3         |
| Roma/Roma Gypsy                 | 0                                 | 3         | 0                     | 4         |
| Total                           | 108                               | 412       | 122                   | 973       |
|                                 | Academic year 2013-14 to 27/02/14 |           | Academic year 2012-13 |           |
| Ethnicity Permanent Exclusions  | PRIMARY                           | SECONDARY | PRIMARY               | SECONDARY |
| Pakistani                       | 0                                 | 2         | 0                     | 4         |
| White/Asian                     | 0                                 | 0         | 0                     | 1         |
| White/Black Caribbean           | 1                                 | 0         | 0                     | 1         |
| Refused                         | 0                                 | 1         | 0                     | 0         |
| British                         | 5                                 | 9         | 4                     | 24        |
| Total                           | 6                                 | 12        | 4                     | 30        |



#### **Ethnicity Analysis**



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### Planned actions around exclusions

- The Primary PRU will increase its capacity in a planned move to Luddendenfoot area.
- Continued involvement in the secondary BAC process, new primary initiatives to further reduce fixed term and permanent exclusions via a BAC process
- LA to attend all permanent exclusion meetings to ensure they comply with the law and current guidelines. Also attend all Independent Review Panels.



# Planned actions cont.

- Continued LA monitoring of all exclusions.
- LA to provide advice, guidelines and support to schools and family during the exclusion process.
- LA to provide training to Head teachers and Governors.



# Conclusions

- Increase the capacity at Primary PRU to absorb the increase in permanent exclusions
- Encourage Head teachers in the use of managed moves as a preventative strategy when appropriate
- LA to continue to provide advice and guidance to schools, governors and families.
- LA to provide support and guidance to secure the pupil's education during the process.

