

## 59856 Education Provision for Children and Young People in Hospital

We are currently investigating the education provision available for children and young people who normally reside in their local authority but may require support whilst in hospital as an inpatient, or a resident in a medical facility.

We are seeking the following information:

Does your local authority have a policy in place to provide education to pupils of school age if they are hospital inpatients?

(If yes, please provide a copy of the policy.)

No, the City of Edinburgh Council does not have a policy. We have a specific Hospital Education team that provides in-person education to pupils of school age if they are in-patients at The Royal Hospital for Children and Young People in Little France, Edinburgh. We have inter-authority arrangements for pupils in specific hospitals in Glasgow and Dundee. We do not have arrangements in place for all hospitals in Scotland or the UK. We do not have this written into a policy. We are working in relation to the Scottish Government guidance on this topic.

Does your local authority provide in-person education to pupils if they are resident or inpatients in hospital or other medical facility?

Please refer to A1 above.

Does your local authority provide remote education to pupils if they are resident in or an inpatient hospital or other medical facility?

Not as standard, although individual arrangements may be made depending on the needs of the pupil.

If a pupil from one of your schools is resident or an inpatient in a hospital outside of your local authority area does the local authority provide the education to the pupil itself?

(If so, please provide details of how this is delivered)

Inter-authority arrangements are in place for pupils in hospital in Glasgow and Dundee. We do not have arrangements in place for all hospitals in Scotland or the UK.

- a. If not, what is the procedure for providing education to a pupil who is resident in another local authority due to illness?

There are inter-authority arrangements for pupils in hospital in Glasgow and Dundee. Outwith this, individual arrangements are made depending on a number of factors including the health needs of the pupil and their ability and wellness to engage in education provision.

- b. If your Local Authority has an arrangement with another local authority to provide hospital education to your pupils, could you please share the agreement or outline the nature of the arrangement.

There are inter-authority arrangements for pupils in hospital in Glasgow and Dundee whereby they notify the City of Edinburgh Council if a pupil for whom we are responsible is

admitted to hospital and the fees that will be incurred. These arrangements are made on an individual basis depending on the needs of the pupil.