

# Out of School Tuition (OoST) & Alternative Provision



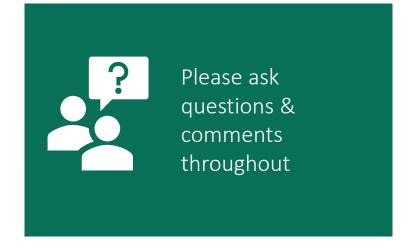
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# Welcome & Housekeeping



Cameras on & microphones off





# Purpose of Event







## Overview of CEPET DPS







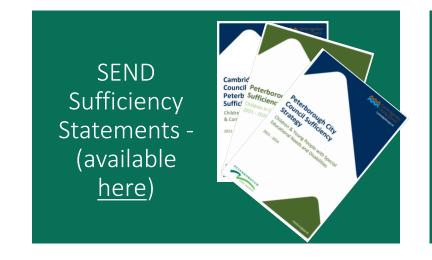
All children, regardless of circumstance or setting, should expect to receive a good education. Commissioners responsible for arranging alternative provision should ensure that it is good quality, registered where appropriate, and delivered by high quality staff with suitable training, experience and safeguarding checks

Dfe Guidance Document February 2025- Arranging Alternative Provision- A guide for Local Authorities and Schools

Placements into alternative provision should always be made with the child's reintegration back into mainstream education or move onto a sustained post 16 destination in mind.

# Overview of Children's Commissioning

Overview of Children's Commissioning Team and functions



Our role within the commissioning of Out of School Tuition (OoST) & Alternative Provision (AEP)

#### **Referral Process**

Single referral form (reflective of feedback from market engagement)

Single form used by all teams

Differentiate by service offer e.g. online only

All referrals come to CEPET providers; respond within 72 hours of receipt of referral

Referral form is completed by relevant professional, ensuring all required information has been included as above. If being completed by a school an MOU is required. Referral form and all required documentation is distributed to all relevant OoST/AEP Providers. Providers have 72 hours to respond to the referral. Referrer assesses providers and awards the provider best able to meet need. Referrer contacts the successful provider within 5 working days. Successful provider will ensure the allocated staff are familiar with, and therefore able to deliver, the provision detailed within the EHCP and/or IAEP. Once Provider has formally accepted, referrer shares an IPA within 10 working days with the provider, detailing the terms of the agreement, as well as costings.

# Quality Assurance & Contract Monitoring



Quality Assurance - Visit

Due Diligence as part of CEPET

Consistent approach for QA across PCC – Children's Commissioning & SAMS or Children's Commissioning and B&I

Quality Assurance Templates and Shared QA Schedule

**Contract Monitoring** 

Annually

**KPIs** 

KPIs consistent with EHCP/IAEP

Focus on CYP being supported to return to school

## Due Diligence Requirements



#### **Insurance documentation**

- Public Liability £5million
- Employers Liability £10million
- Professional Indemnity £2million

#### **Policies Required**

- Required
- Recommended

#### Fee Change Approach

#### **Key Considerations**

- Transparency & timely process
- "no complicated forms"
- Informed by NLW/CPI
- Reflective of focus on local provision

Tiered approach/reflective of relationship

Budget build, and therefore the uplift, reflective of NLW, CPI





**Key Contacts List** 



OoST/AEP Index – Internal & External

#### Communications



Provider Forum – twice a year



Fee Uplift - timescales

# Arrangements with Schools

- PCC as Commissioner
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs)
- Index of providers blurb for each provider
- Many work with schools already
- Requirements in terms of QA
- Event with Schools in New Year



### **Next Steps**

- To determine if this is a useful tool for you as a school
- If so, would preference be for:
  - Formal arrangement
  - Light touch arrangement
- Memorandum of Understanding / Service Level Agreement
- Providers Event (Spring Term 2026)





# Any questions?

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