

# Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

BRIEFING NOTE – No. 01/14

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Briefing paper to: All Members of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Purpose: At its meeting on 14 January 2014, the Committee requested a briefing note on the ratio of school nurses to children in Medway.

## **RATIO OF SCHOOL NURSES TO CHILDREN IN MEDWAY**

The attached table provides information on the ratio of school nurses to children in Medway.

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Ratio of School Nurses to Pupils in Medway – April 2014

<b>Team</b>	<b>Number of Schools</b>	<b>Pupil numbers</b>	<b>Nursing establishment</b>	<b>Ave Caseload per School Nurse (WTE)</b>
Chatham, Rochester & Strood	Primary schools=52  Secondary schools=11  Private schools=6  Total = 69	Primary =14,572  Secondary=9,626  Total = 24,198	Band 7-(1 x WTE)  Band 6 – (3.0 x WTE, TTO)  Band 5 - (2.4 x WTE, TTO)  Band 3 – clinical support worker – 1 x WTE, TTO	17 schools  6,050 pupils
Rainham & Gillingham	Primary =25  Secondary=6  Private=2  Specialist provision=4 (for example Pupil referral Units)  Total = 37	Primary =8,694  Secondary =6,102  Total = 14,796	Band 7 - (0.8 x WTE)  Band 6 (1.8 x WTE, TTO)  Band 5 – (1.4 x WTE, TTO) (0.6 WTE shared with Chatham, Rochester, Strood team)	13 schools  5,284 pupils
Special Schools Team Community Nursing Service	Abbey Court Rainham Abbey Court Strood Danecourt  Total = 3	481	Band 7 - 1x WTE  Band 6 - 1 x WTE  Band 5 - 1.9 x WTE, TTO  Band 3 –clinical support worker 1 x 0.8 WTE TTO	240 pupils

Notes:

- The special schools team is mainly a **community nursing team** funded through the CCG contract. The schools nursing contract only commissions **public health school nursing** activities for these children as part of the team.
- The special schools team figure also excludes the Medway Council Abbey School Nursery post.
- Rainham and Gillingham Band 7 – school nursing contract covers 0.8 WTE and university contract covers 0.2WTE
- Bands 6 and 7 carry caseloads,
- Bands 3 and 5 do not carry caseloads
- TTO – term time only
- WTE – Whole Time Equivalent
- Pupil figures extracted from Care Plus 5/2/2014