Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee BRIEFING NOTE - No. 01/14

Date: 1 May 2014

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.

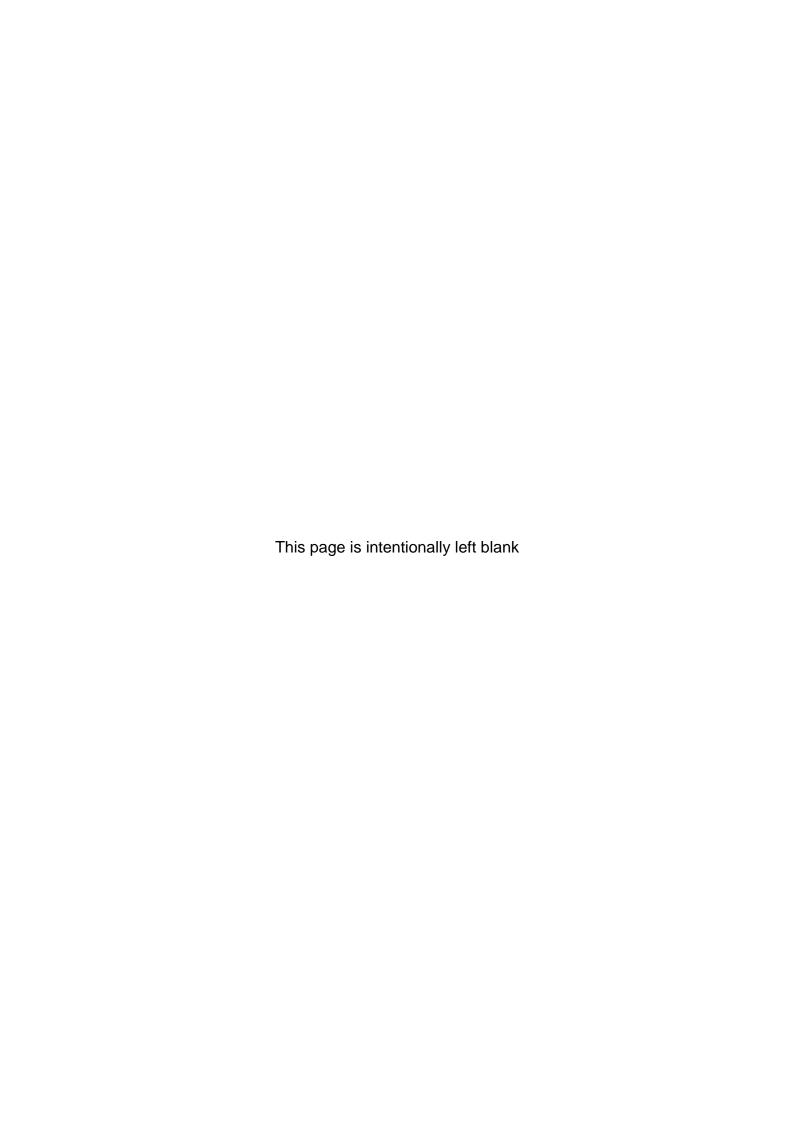
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Ratio of School Nurses to Pupils in Medway – April 2014

Team	Number of Schools	Pupil numbers	Nursing establishment	Ave Caseload per School Nurse (WTE)
Chatham, Rochester & Strood	Primary schools=52	Primary =14,572	Band 7-(1 x WTE)	17 schools
	Secondary schools=11	Secondary=9,626	Band 6 – (3.0 x WTE, TTO)	6,050 pupils
	Private schools=6	Total = 24,198	Band 5 - (2.4 x WTE, TTO)	
	Total = 69		Band 3 – clinical support worker – 1 x WTE, TTO	
Rainham & Gillingham	Primary =25	Primary =8,694	Band 7 - (0.8 x WTE)	13 schools
	Secondary=6	Secondary =6,102	Band 6 (1.8 x WTE, TTO)	5,284 pupils
	Private=2	Total = 14,796	Band 5 – (1.4 x WTE, TTO) (0.6 WTE shared with Chatham,	
	Specialist provision=4 (for example Pupil referral Units)		Rochester, Strood team)	
	Total = 37			
Special Schools	Abbey Court Rainham Abbey Court Strood	481	Band 7 - 1x WTE	240 pupils
Team Community Nursing Service	Danecourt		Band 6 - 1 x WTE	
	Total = 3		Band 5 - 1.9 x WTE, TTO	
232,120			Band 3 –clinical support worker 1 x 0.8 WTE TTO	

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