

School Exclusions: Update on data for academic year 2014/15

Report of the Head of Education and Learning

1. Recommendations

That Scrutiny note that the annual summary for exclusions which covers both permanent and fixed term exclusions. This year's report also includes information about Managed Transfers where students move to another school often to avoid permanent exclusion.

The report also records trends in exclusion between 2011 and 2015 but it must be noted that with several weeks left for the summer term, further exclusions are anticipated. Gender differences and rates of exclusion for vulnerable groups are also recorded in the report. All data is taken from and compared with state funded primary, secondary and special schools.

Key Strengths

1. There are no permanent exclusions for Children in Care which reflects the impact of our Eliminating Exclusions Protocol with schools. Strength
2. That the percentage of fixed term exclusions had dropped over time with rates for fixed term exclusion below those reported nationally by the DfE. Strength

Areas for future development or concern

1. The reduction in rates of permanent exclusion over the last three years but Devon remains slightly higher than the DfE reported national rates for exclusion: both for the general population and for students with SEN and in receipt of free school meals. Concern
2. That Managed Transfers are only successful in around a third of cases but recent additional funding, provided to support individual programmes over longer periods of time, have proved to be far more successful. Concern
3. The 5 academies who continue to refuse to sign the "Funding Following Excluded Pupils Protocol". Concern

1.1 Permanent Exclusions Summary

The number of exclusions has gradually been decreasing over the last three years, but the exclusion rate continues to be slightly higher than the latest DfE national rate (note 2014/15 figure below does not yet cover a full academic year).

Year ⁽¹⁾	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 to date
	No's	No's	Nos	Nos
Total Number of Permanent Exclusions	142	98	74	44
Exclusion Rate (exclusions as % of school pop'n) ⁽²⁾	0.15%	0.11%	0.08%	0.05%
Department for Education Exclusion Rate ⁽³⁾	0.07%	0.06%	Not available	Not available

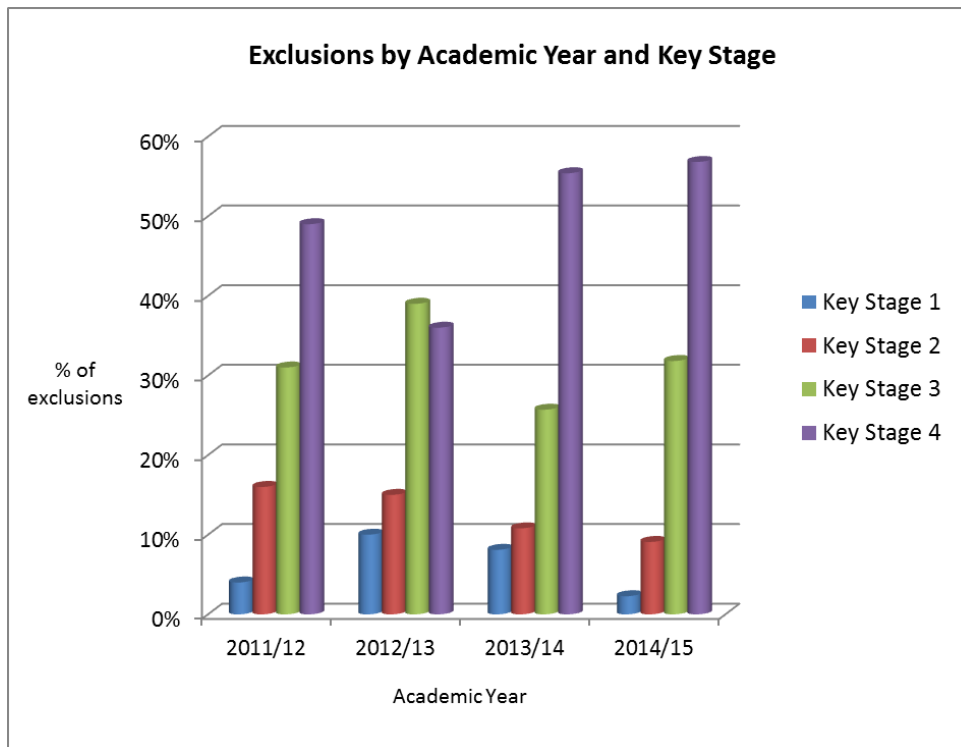
Note:

1. 2011/12 data includes Managed Transfers, but 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 data excludes Managed Transfers (figures solely relate to Permanent Exclusions);
2. school population figures taken from numbers on roll in each Spring School Census, excludes all dual registered pupils;
3. DfE Exclusion Rates taken from Statistical First Release SFR 29/2013, published 25/07/13 (Permanent and Fixed Period Exclusions from Schools in England: 2011 to 2012 academic year); Statistical First. Release SFR 28/2014, published 31/07/14 (Permanent and Fixed Period Exclusions in England 2012 to 2013). School types include state-funded primary, secondary and special schools.

1.2 Permanent Exclusions by Key Stages

The highest number of exclusions continues to be within Key Stage 4, with more than half of the exclusions in the previous and current year falling within this group. The percentage of exclusions at Key Stage 4 continues to be higher than the latest DfE national rate (see table overleaf).

Exclusions at Key Stage 2 have gradually been declining whereas Key Stage 3 exclusions fluctuate across the years and is currently on the increase from last year.



	2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15 to date		DfE 2012/13 % of perm excns ⁽⁴⁾
	No's	%	No's	%	No's	%	No's	%	
Key Stage 1 (inc Foundation)	6	4%	9	10%	6	8%	1	2%	4%
Key Stage 2	23	16%	15	15%	8	11%	4	9%	11%
Key Stage 3	44	31%	39	39%	19	26%	14	32%	46%
Key Stage 4	69	49%	35	36%	41	55%	25	57%	37%

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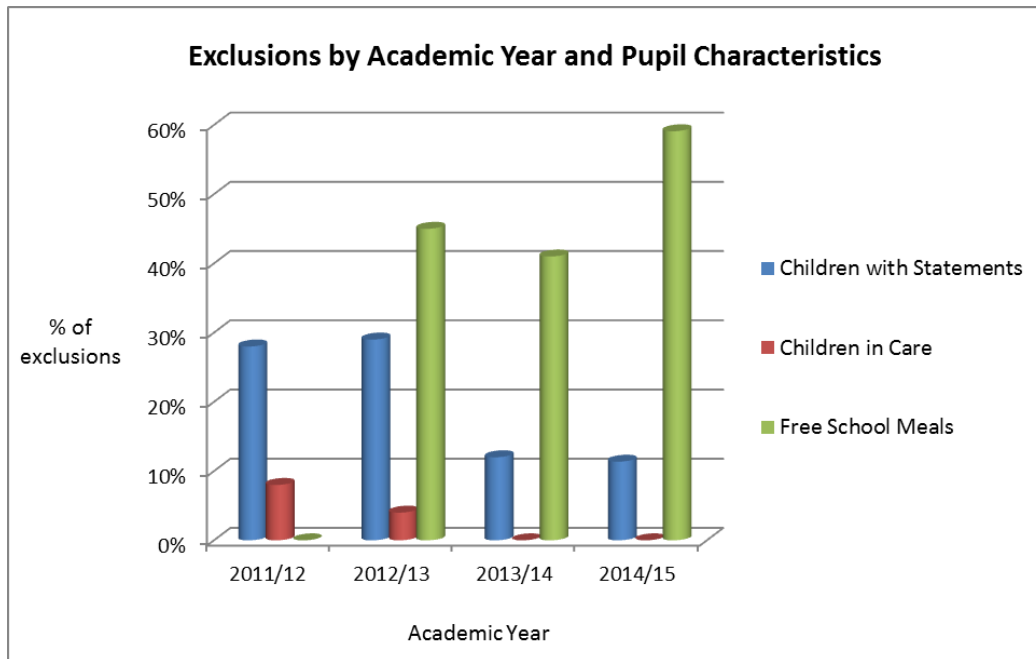
1. DfE percentages of permanent exclusions taken from Statistical First Release SFR 28/2014 (Key Stage based on pupils' ages Table 5), published July 14

1.3 Permanent Exclusions by Pupil Characteristics

The percentage of exclusions where pupils have statements of SEN has declined over the last two years but remains higher than the national rate.

There have been no permanent exclusions for Children in Care since 2013. This is a reflection of our Eliminating Exclusions for Children in Care protocol.

The percentage of exclusions where pupils are eligible for Free School Meals appears to be on the increase and is currently higher than the national rate.



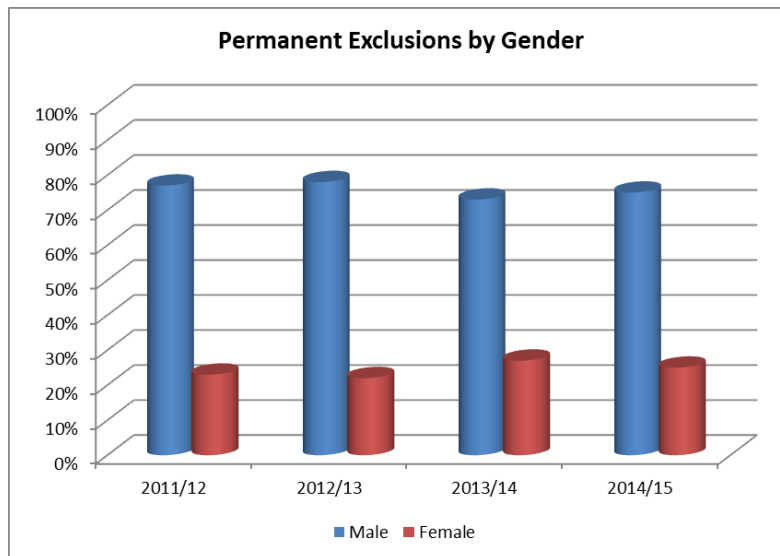
	2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15 to date		DfE 2012/13 % of perm excns ⁽⁵⁾
	No's	%	No's	%	No's	%	No's	%	
Children with Statements	40	28%	28	29%	9	12%	5	11%	7%
Children in Care (CiC)	11	8%	4	4%	0	-	0	-	not available
Free School Meals ⁽⁶⁾	-	-	44	45%	30	41%	26	59%	46%

Note:

1. DfE percentages of permanent exclusions taken from Statistical First Release SFR 28/2014 (Statements Table 9, Free School Meals Table 17, Gender Table 3)
2. No of pupils permanently excluded who are eligible for Free School Meals was collected for the first time in 2012/13

1.4 Permanent Exclusions by Gender

Overall the percentage of boys permanently excluded is consistently much higher than it is for girls. However the breakdown by key stage shows that this differential closes as we move from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 4

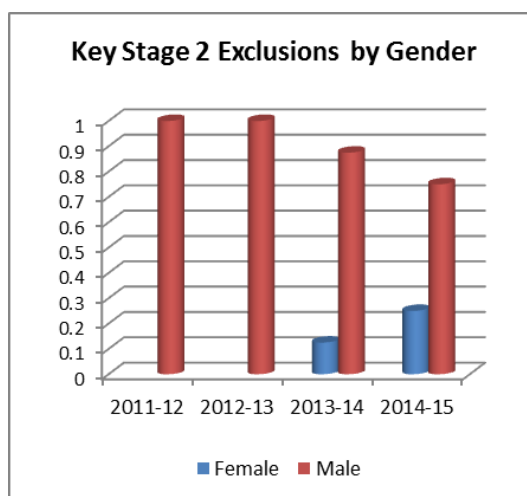
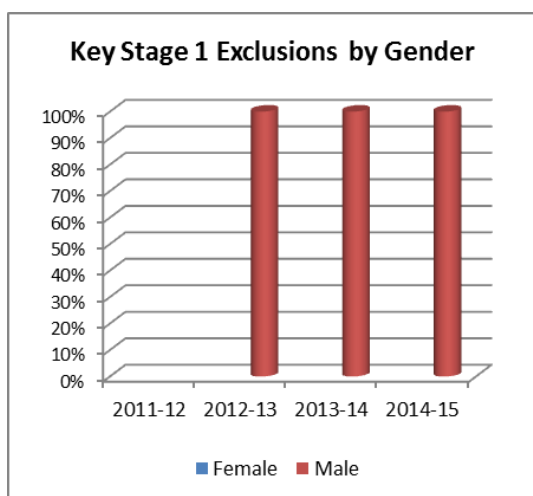


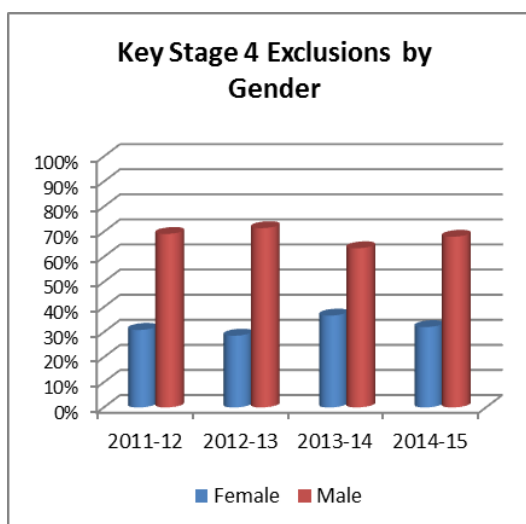
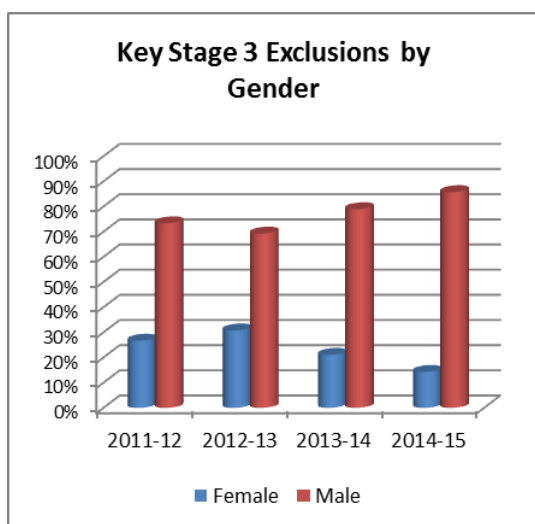
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	No's	%	No's	%	No's	%	No's	%	
Male	109	77%	76	78%	54	73%	33	75%	78%
Female	33	23%	22	22%	20	27%	11	25%	22%

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1.5 Permanent Exclusions by Key Stage & Gender



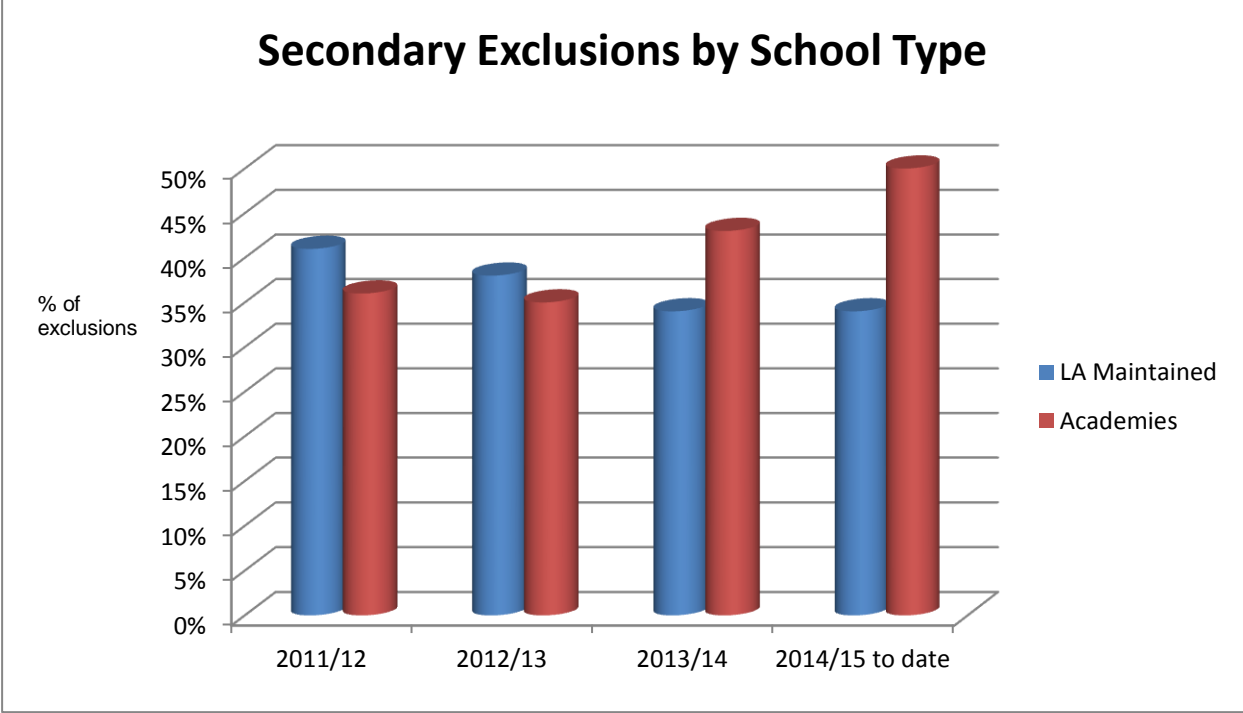


1.6 Permanent Exclusions by School Type

The percentage of exclusions in primary schools is on the decline but conversely the percentage of exclusions in secondary schools is on the rise, with a greater percentage of exclusions occurring in Academy Secondary Schools.

	2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15 to date	
	No's	%	No's	%	No's	%	No's	%
Primary Schools	27	19%	24	24%	14	19%	5	11%
LA Maintained	24	17%	18	18%	10	14%	3	7%
Academies	3	2%	6	6%	4	5%	2	5%
Secondary Schools	109	77%	71	72%	57	77%	37	84%
LA Maintained	58	41%	37	38%	25	34%	15	34%
Academies	51	36%	34	35%	32	43%	22	50%
All Through School	5	4%	1	1%	1	1%		
Special Schools	1	1%	2	2%	2	3%	2	5%
Total	142		98		74		44	

A graph for primary schools by school type has not been shown as the % of primary schools which are maintained far exceeds the percentage that are Academies. At secondary level however the split is much more even and therefore the exclusions information, as a percentage of the total secondary percentage, has been shown in the graph below.



1.7 Permanent Exclusions by Learning Community

Barnstaple Learning Community is on average the Local Learning Community with the highest percentage of exclusions over the last four years, followed by Exeter Beacon, Newton Abbot, Exmouth and Exeter West Exe.

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 to date	Ranking (where 1 is highest % of exclusions)				Average Ranking (over 4yrs)
	%	%	%	%	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	
Axe Valley		1%				21			30
Barnstaple	13%	9%	9%	11%	1	2	1	1	1
Beacon	8%	16%	7%	11%	2	1	4	1	2
Bideford	5%	2%	7%	9%	7	16	4	3	9
Braunton	1%	2%	5%	2%	25	16	5	11	22
Central & Chestnut	4%	4%	3%	7%	8	7	6	6	7
Chulmleigh	2%	1%	3%	2%	13	21	6	11	20
Clyst Vale	1%			5%	22			8	23
Crediton	3%	3%		2%	11	10		11	16
Culm Valley	1%	3%	4%		22	10	5		19
Dartmouth	4%	1%	1%			21	13		26
Dawlish	1%	3%	1%		25	10	13		24
Exmouth	6%	5%	8%		4	5	1		4
Holsworthy	4%	2%	3%		10	16	4		13
Honiton	2%	2%	3%	2%	13	16	4	11	17
Ilfracombe	4%	4%	8%	2%	8	7	1	11	7
Ivybridge	2%	4%	1%	2%	13	7	9	11	13
Kingsbridge	1%	1%	3%		25	21	3		25
Newton Abbot	7%	8%	3%	9%	3	3	3	3	3
Okehampton	2%	2%	7%	2%	13	16	2	11	15
Ottery St Mary	2%	1%			13	21			26
Sidmouth	3%		1%	2%	11		6	11	12
South Dartmoor	6%	7%	1%	9%	4	4	6	3	6
South Molton	1%	1%	3%	2%	22	21	2	11	21
Tavistock	2%	1%			13	21			26
Teign Valley	0%		3%				2		
Teignmouth	2%	1%			13	21			26
Tiverton	1%	3%	8%	5%	25	10	1	8	17
Torrington	2%	3%	3%	5%	13	10	1	8	10
Totnes	2%	3%	1%	2%	13	10	2	11	11
West Exe	7%	5%	3%	7%	4	5	1	6	5
Free School (no LC)			1%						

When a child is permanently excluded, the funding allocated for that student is transferred to their new school on a pro rata basis. This has been a long standing agreement in Devon from when all schools were maintained when this money simply transferred through a centralised process. When academies convert their funding agreement has not, until very recently, included the formalisation of this established practice. Academies were therefore asked to sign a formal agreement with Devon County Council agreeing to transfer core funding following an exclusion.

Five academies continue to refuse to sign this agreement. Some object to the financial implications of this arrangement and others simply have not responded despite many approaches, requests and letters.

These academies are:

Primary

Bradworthy Primary Academy

Secondary

Newton Abbot College

Uffculme School

Queen Elizabeth's Academy Trust, Crediton

Others:

Steiner Academy, Exeter

**2. Fixed Term Exclusions Summary
Comparison with previous academic years**

Data source: Fixed term exclusions from the ONE system, accessed: 20/04/15

2.1 Fixed Term Exclusions Summary

The number of fixed term exclusions has gradually been decreasing over the last four years, with the Exclusion Rate for Devon Schools slightly lower than the latest DfE national rate.

The number of pupils subjected to Fixed Term Exclusions has also steadily been decreasing over the last four years.

Year	No of exclusions			
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 to date
Fixed Term Exclusions - All Schools	3859	3073	2963	2096
Exclusion Rate (exclusions as % of school pop'n) ⁽¹⁾	4.08%	3.26%	3.15%	2.22%
Department for Education Exclusion Rate ⁽²⁾	4.05%	3.52%	Not available	Not available

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 to date
No of Days Lost due to fixed term exclusions	7367	5763	5145	3656.5
No of Pupils subject to fixed term exclusion	1912	1564	1387	1140

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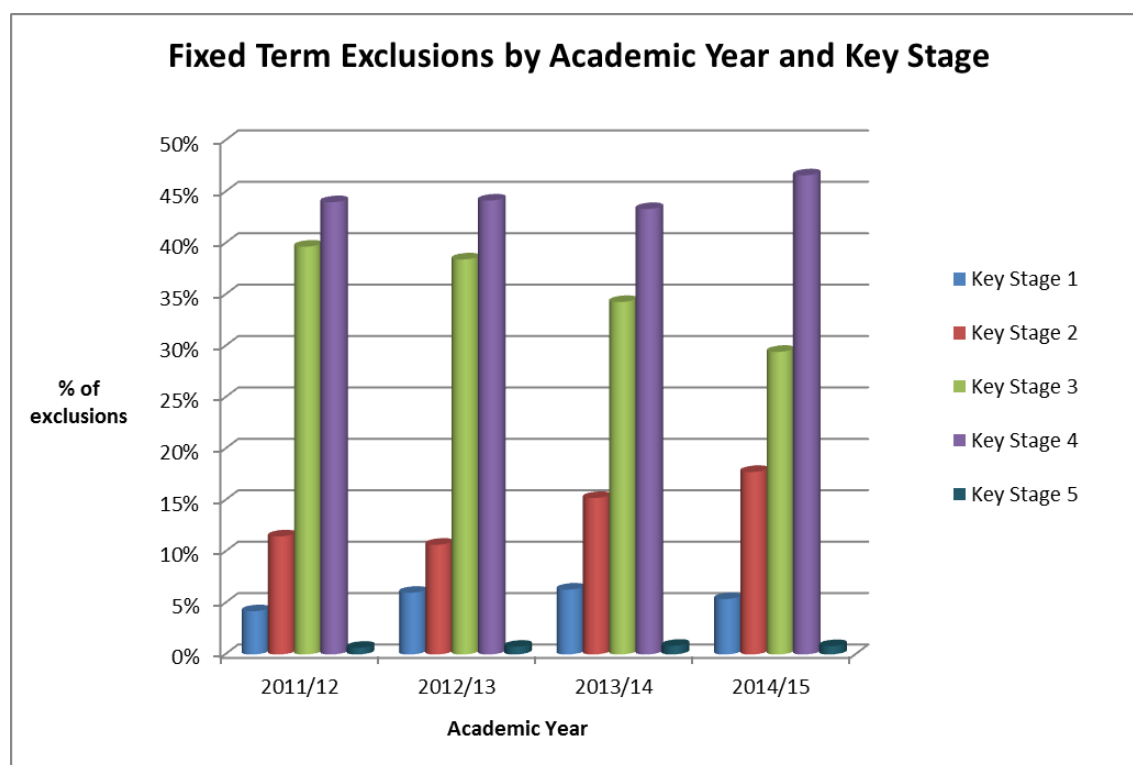
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2. DfE Exclusion Rates taken from Statistical First Release SFR 28/2014, published 31/07/14 (Permanent and Fixed Period Exclusions in England 2012 to 2013). School types include state-funded primary, secondary and special schools.

2.2 Fixed Term Exclusions by Key Stages

The highest number of exclusions continues to be within Key Stage 4, with almost half of all exclusions in this current academic year falling within Key Stage 4. The percentage of exclusions at Key Stage 4 continues to be higher than the latest DfE national rate (see table overleaf).

The number of exclusions at Key Stages 1 and 2 are consistently higher than the DfE national rate, with Exclusions at Key Stage 2 gradually on the increase in Devon.

Exclusions at Key Stage 3 have gradually been declining and are consistently lower than the DfE national rate.



	2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15 to date		DfE 2012/13 % of fixed term excns (3)
	No's	%	No's	%	No's	%	No's	%	
Key Stage 1 (inc Found)	162	4.2%	184	6.0%	187	6.3%	113	5.4%	3.6%
Key Stage 2	443	11.5%	328	10.7%	451	15.2%	372	17.8%	11.3%
Key Stage 3	1531	39.7%	1181	38.4%	1016	34.3%	617	29.4%	45.7%
Key Stage 4	1698	44.0%	1357	44.2%	1284	43.3%	977	46.6%	38.3%
Key Stage 5	25	0.65%	23	0.75%	25	0.84%	17	0.81%	0.76%

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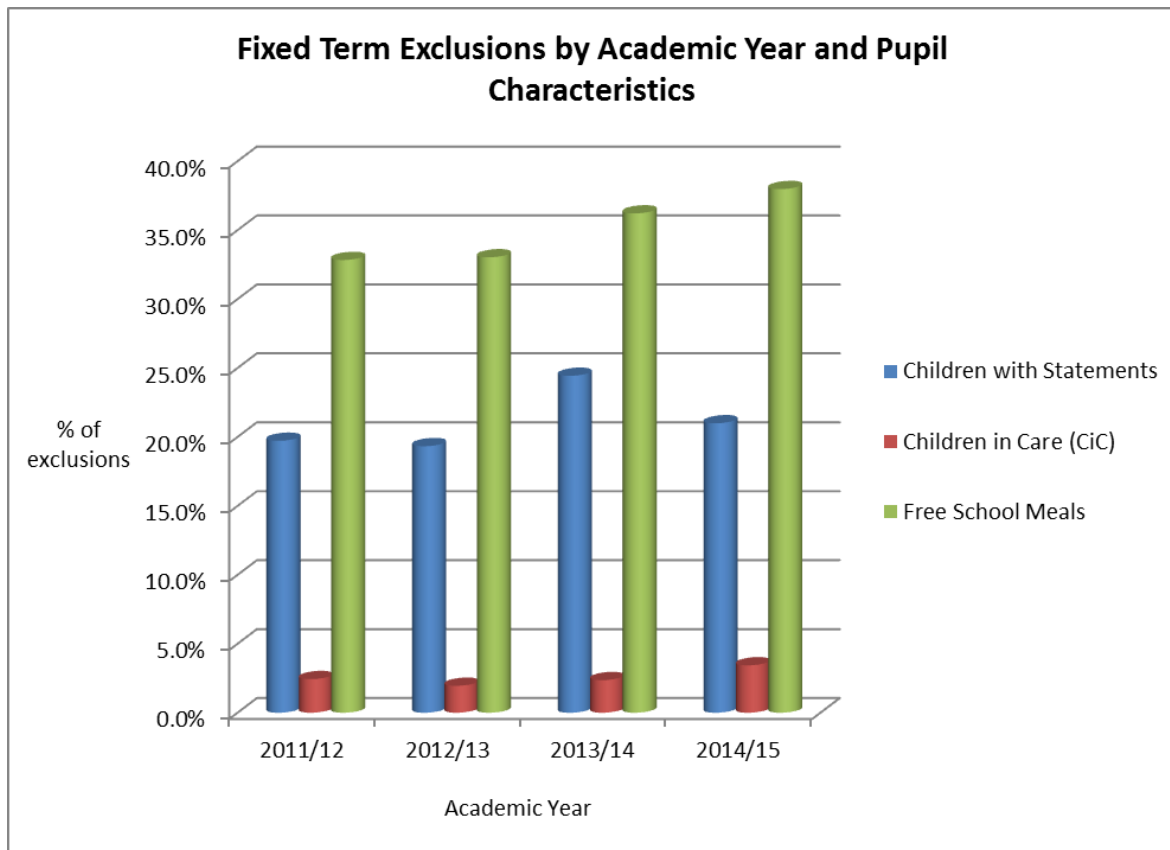
1. DfE percentages of fixed term exclusions taken from Statistical First Release SFR 28/2014 (Key Stage based on pupils' NCY Table 6), published July 14

2.3 Fixed Term Exclusions by Pupil Characteristics

Two thirds of fixed term exclusions have been against pupils with Special Educational Needs (see table below). This has consistently been the case over the last four years. The percentage of exclusions against pupils with Statements of SEN has been relatively steady with a slight increase in 2013/14. However it continues to be nearly twice the national rate.

There has been little change in the percentage of exclusions against children in care.

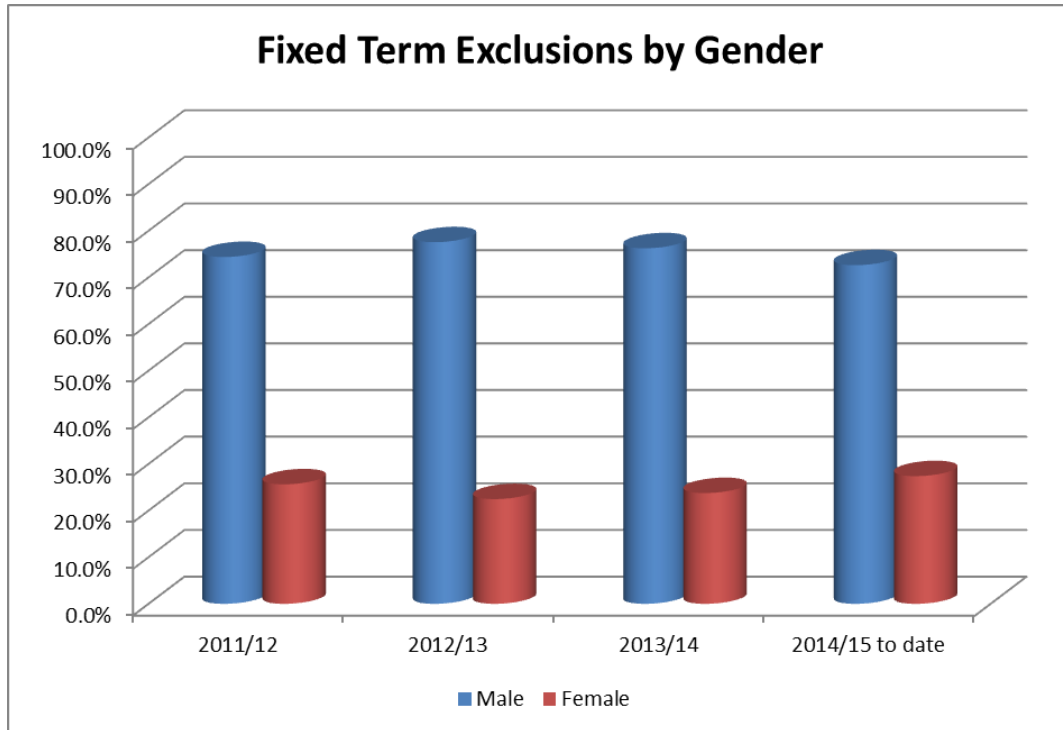
Whilst the percentage of exclusions against pupils eligible for Free School Meals is currently below the national rate it has gradually been increasing over the last four years and should the trend continue it will become higher than the national rate.



Exclusions against;	2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15 to date		DfE 2012/13 % of fixed term excns (4)
	No's	%	No's	%	No's	%	No's	%	
Children with SEN without Statements	1960	50.8%	1598	52.0%	1478	49.9%	948	45.2%	49.5%
Children with SEN with Statements	761	19.7%	594	19.3%	724	24.4%	440	21.0%	12.0%
Children in Care (CiC)	94	2.4%	60	2.0%	70	2.4%	72	3.4%	not available
Free School Meals	1267	32.8%	1015	33.0%	1073	36.2%	796	38.0%	41.0%

2.4 Fixed Term Exclusions by Gender

More boys are subject to a fixed term exclusions than girls, this reflect the pattern found in relation to permanent exclusions.

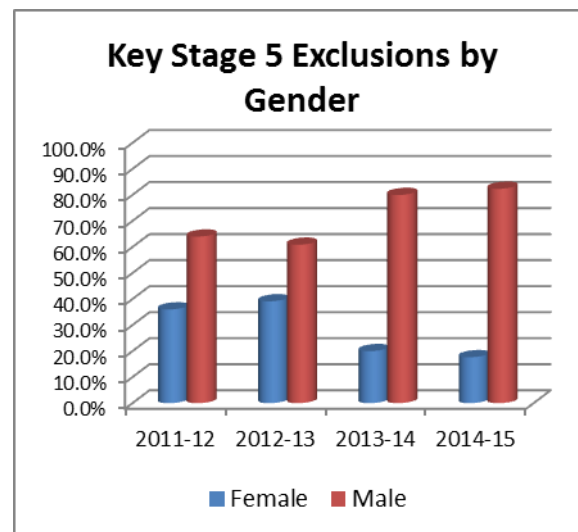
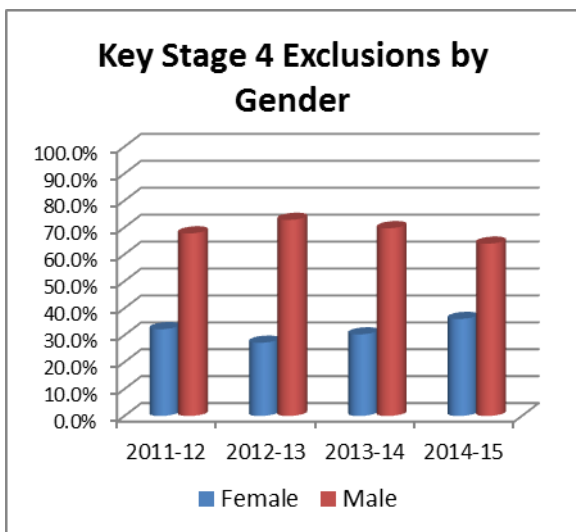
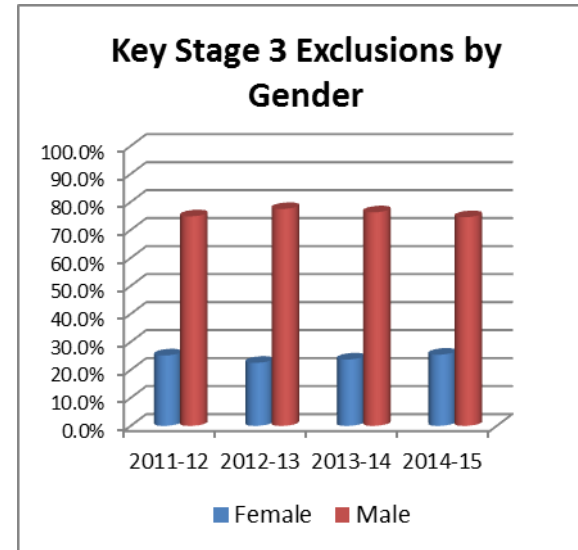
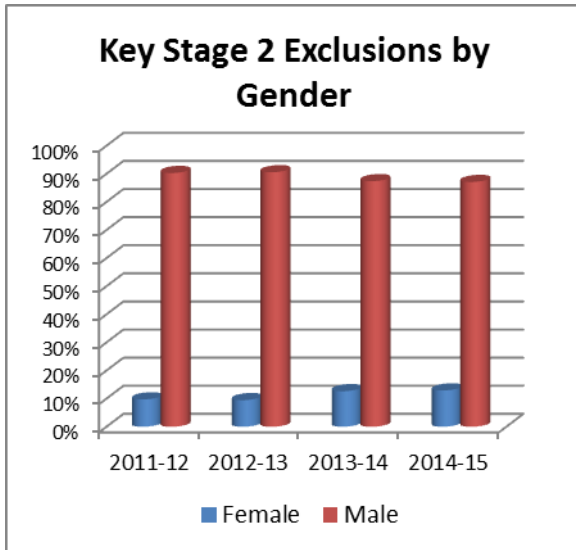
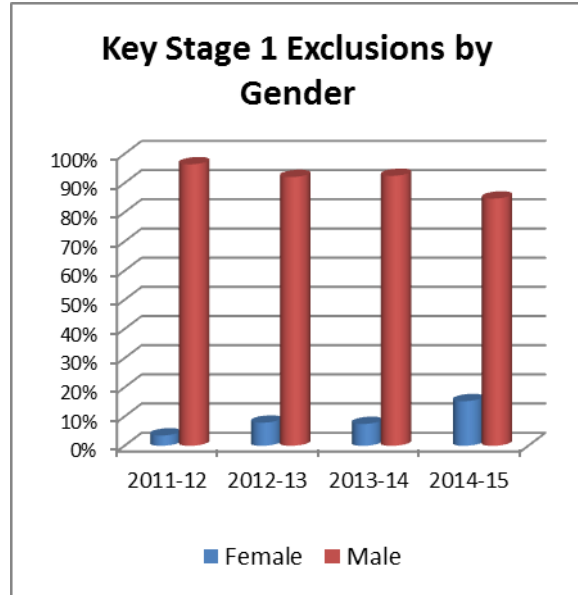
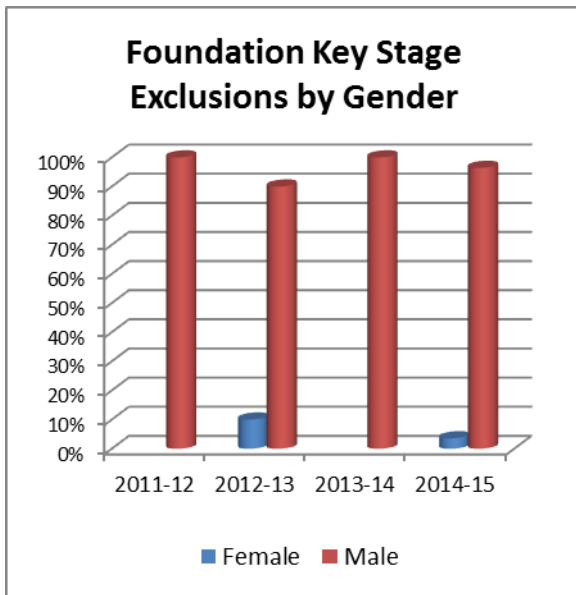


Exclusions against;	2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15 to date		DfE 2012/13 % of fixed term excns (4)
	No's	%	No's	%	No's	%	No's	%	
Male	2870	74.4%	2383	77.5%	2259	76.2%	1522	72.6%	74.5%
Female	989	25.6%	690	22.5%	704	23.8%	574	27.4%	25.5%

Note:

1. DfE percentages of fixed term exclusions taken from Statistical First Release SFR 28/2014 (Statements Table 10, Free School Meals Table 17, Gender Table 4)

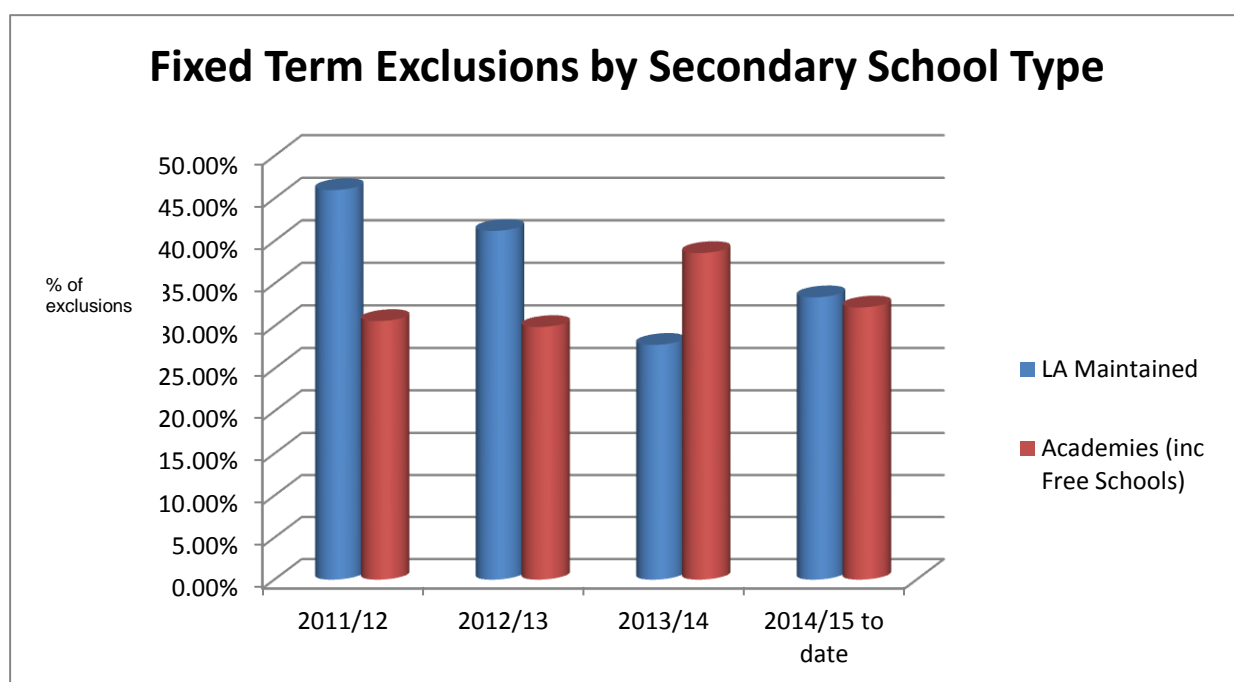
2.5 Fixed Term Exclusions by Key Stage & Gender



2.6 Fixed Term Exclusions by School Type

Two thirds of Devon's Fixed Term Exclusions occur in secondary schools, which is lower than the national figure. The percentage of fixed term exclusions in primary schools has gradually been increasing over the years and is higher than the national rate (conversely the percentage of exclusions in secondary schools has been declining).

	2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15 to date		DfE 2012/13 % of fixed term excns (5)
	No's	%	No's	%	No's	%	No's	%	
Primary Schools	557	14.4%	508	16.5%	610	20.6%	434	20.7%	14%
LA Maintained	469	12.2%	453	14.7%	511	17.2%	337	16.1%	
Academies	88	2.3%	55	1.8%	99	3.3%	97	4.6%	
Secondary Schools	2954	76.5%	2185	71.1%	1968	66.4%	1375	65.6%	81%
LA Maintained	1774	46.0%	1267	41.2%	824	27.8%	700	33.4%	
Academies (inc Free Schools)	1180	30.6%	918	29.9%	1144	38.6%	675	32.2%	
All Through School	48	1.2%	15	0.5%			5	0.2%	not available
DPLS	156	4.0%	221	7.2%	236	8.0%	193	9.2%	not available
Special Schools	144	3.7%	144	4.7%	149	5.0%	89	4.2%	5%
Total	3859		3073		2963		2096		



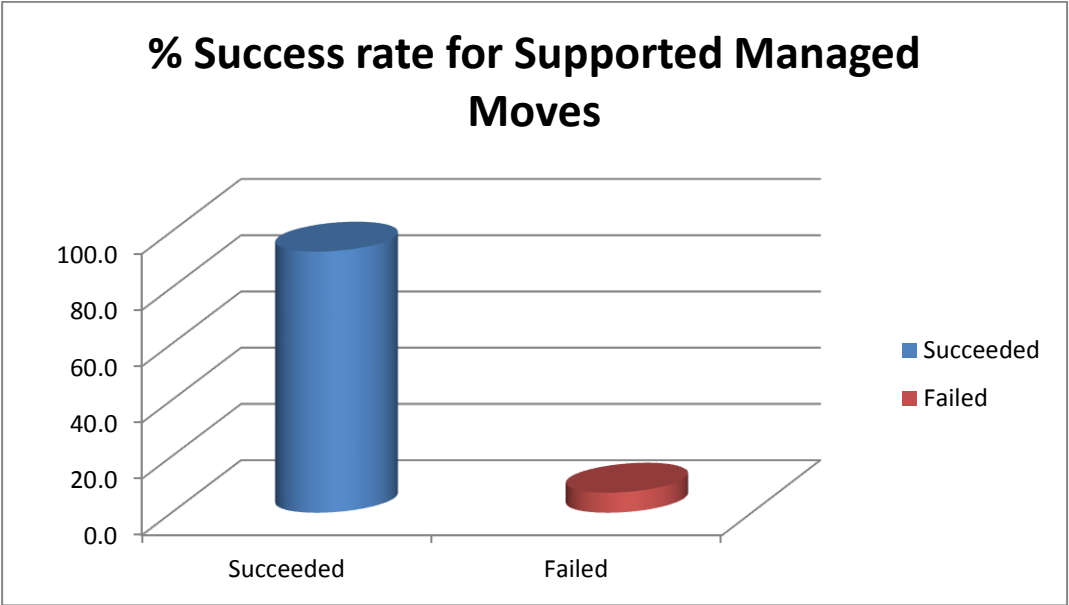
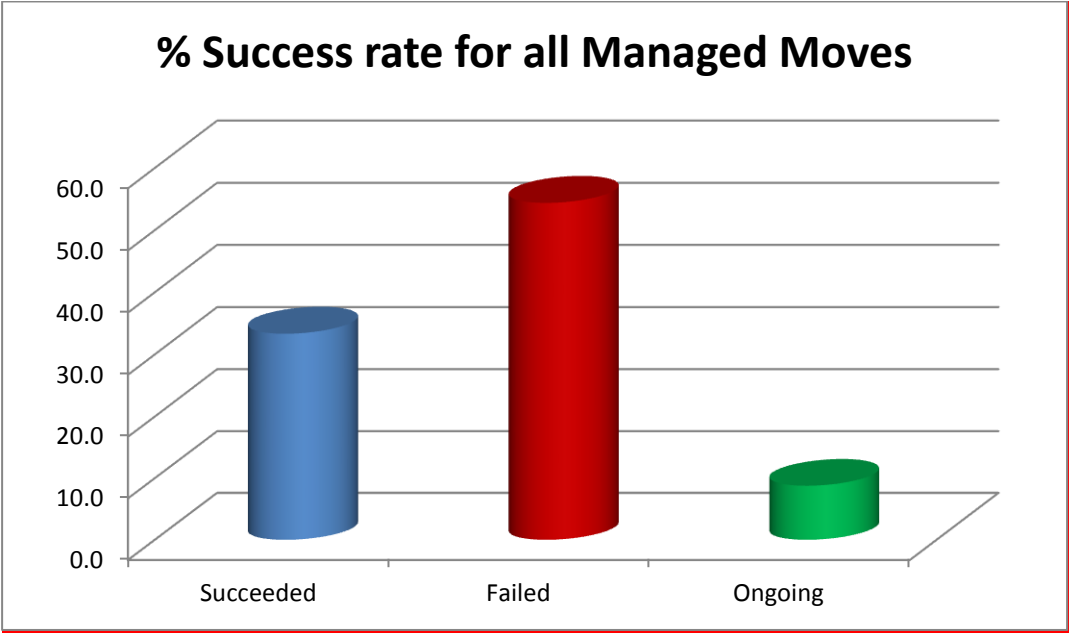
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Barnstaple	16%	11%	10%	10%	1	1	1	1	1
Beacon	7%	10%	6%	8%	2	2	7	2	2
Bideford	6%	4%	3%	4%	5	12	14	10	9
Braunton	2%	0%	2%	1%	21	31	15	27	25
Central & Chestnut	4%	4%	6%	6%	8	7	3	5	5
Chulmleigh	1%	1%	2%	1%	27	24	23	25	26
Clyst Vale	2%	1%	1%	2%	20	23	27	19	23
Crediton	3%	2%	3%	5%	12	16	12	7	11
Culm Valley	3%	3%	2%	2%	11	15	17	17	15
Dartmouth	1%	0%		0.2%	23	30		31	28
Dawlish	1%	2%	2%	2%	26	20	21	16	21
Exmouth	7%	7%	6%	5%	4	4	4	8	4
Holsworthy	1%	1%	2%	1%	25	25	23	26	26
Honiton	2%	3%	2%	1%	16	14	25	24	18
Ilfracombe	5%	5%	5%	3%	6	6	8	12	8
Ivybridge	2%	2%	2%	3%	18	17	16	13	16
Kingsbridge	1%	1%	1%	0.2%	28	28	29	32	30
Newton Abbot	2%	3%	4%	5%	15	13	9	6	10
Okehampton	1%	1%	3%	2%	31	26	13	22	24
Ottery St Mary	1%	1%	0.2%	0.5%	29	29	31	29	31
Sidmouth	2%	2%	2%	2%	13	21	26	19	18
South Dartmoor	2%	4%	4%	2%	18	11	10	15	14
South Molton	1%	1%	1%	1%	30	27	28	28	29
Tavistock	2%	4%	4%	4%	17	9	11	10	11
Teign Valley	0.1%	0.2%	1%	0.5%	32	32	30	29	32
Teignmouth	3%	2%	2%	2%	9	18	20	23	17
Tiverton	4%	4%	6%	5%	7	7	5	9	7
Torrington	2%	2%	2%	2%	22	22	19	18	20
Totnes	1%	2%	2%	2%	24	19	22	19	22
West Exe	7%	9%	6%	8%	2	3	6	3	3
DPLS (no LC)	2%	5%	6%	7%	13	5	2	4	6
Free School (no LC)				0.2%				32	33

3.0 Managed Moves, September to May 2015

Managed move data has been collected and monitored across the county since Sept 2014, during this time there have been 57 managed moves. The majority of these have occurred at Secondary level with just 6 being in the Primary Phase. Overall 33% of managed moves in this time have been successful and the pupil has been admitted to the new school roll. In an attempt to improve this ratio since March we have been trailing a system of providing additional support and funding for the receiving school. To date this has had a significant impact on the success rate. 14 managed moves have had funding allocated to support them and of these 13 have been successful.



Background information

All state funded schools are required to report permanent exclusions as soon as they are made. If upheld, then the local authority has a statutory duty to ensure that excluded children are in receipt of education from the sixth day of their exclusion. Exclusions are reported on a weekly basis to The Head of Education and “sixth day” provision is checked through the Missing Monday Panel. Three Inclusion Officers work with schools and any youngsters who are at risk of exclusion. They provide appropriate levels of challenge to schools around statutory process and practice and often support parents through the exclusion process.

Consultations

In recent weeks the education service has allocated additional funding to provide sustained programmes for students on Managed Transfers. We are also commissioning additional specialist support through LDP to advise and train school staff to further develop strategies to successfully reintegrate excluded children. This core funding is minimal and primary taken from attendance fines. We now need to ask schools to contribute to this fund through the DSG so that more children and schools can benefit from increased levels of funding.

Equality considerations

Boys and vulnerable children, including those with SEN and in receipt of FSM, are more likely to be excluded.

Academies refusing to transfer funding to follow an excluded child are depriving other schools of a basic funding entitlement.

Exclusions Summary for Permanent Exclusions, Fixed Term Exclusions and Managed Moves

Permanent Exclusions Summary Comparison with previous academic years

Data sources:

2011/12 Exclusions from Report on Exclusions from Devon Schools & Academies, Academic2011-12 February 2013, David Archer & Marc Kastner.

2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 Exclusions from ONE system, based on Exclusions Information received direct from Schools (completion of Annex G forms).

Sustainability Considerations

None

Legal Considerations

None

Risk Management Considerations

None

Public Health Impact

None

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