

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

**You asked:**

**Would you please provide me with your policy on placing children and young people in Out of County Placements.**

**Placing students in out-of-city educational provision.**

**For children and young people (CYP) who have a statement of special educational needs the local authority (LA) may provide an out-of-city school place. This will be based on an assessment of the CYP's needs, the capability of the school in being able to meet those needs and the expressed wishes of the parent(s)- in line with the SEN Code of Practice (DfES 2001).**

**In practice we will always consider maintained schools first, initially within city, then schools of other LAs, and if they have space and can meet the needs we would elect to place there before consulting with out-of-city, independent schools. However, if parents are not happy with and appeal against the LA school of choice, we may be directed by the SEN & Disability Tribunal to place in an independent school.**

**Occasionally we will place a CYP in residential provision. This would happen if the only establishment that could meet the educational needs is too far to be considered a day placement, where the CYP's educational needs require residential placement, or, more usually, where there are other reasons, e.g. social care or health needs, that indicate that residential is appropriate. In such cases the provision is paid for jointly by the different agencies.**

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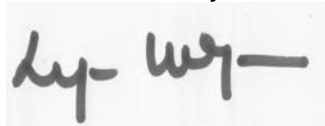
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**Wycliffe House**  
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**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**  
**Telephone: 01625 545 700**  
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

**Lynn Wyeth**  
**Head of Information Governance**