

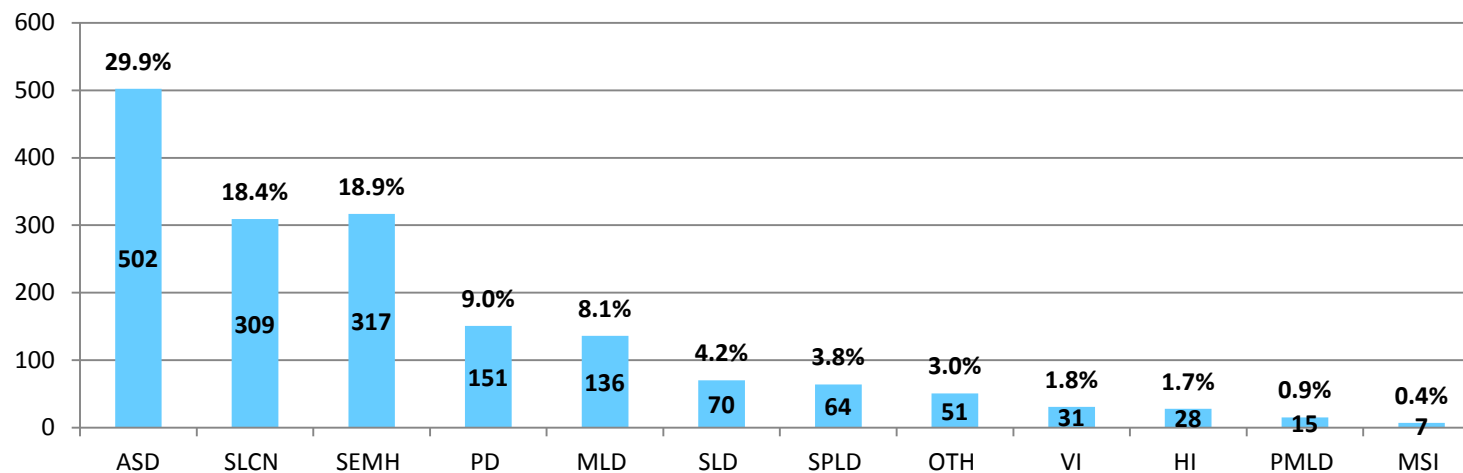
High Needs Funding Update

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Headlines

- 1,751 applications (543 in September)
- 1,681 agreed, 96% (411 in September, 76%)
- For all pupils funded 47% don't have an EHCP or SEN (47% in October)
- For new applications 70% don't have an EHCP or SEN.
- Need type with the most claims ASD - 502 (80 in September) followed by SEMH -317 (68 in September) and SLCN -309 (79 in September)
- Year group with the most claims is Year 1 followed closely by Year 2

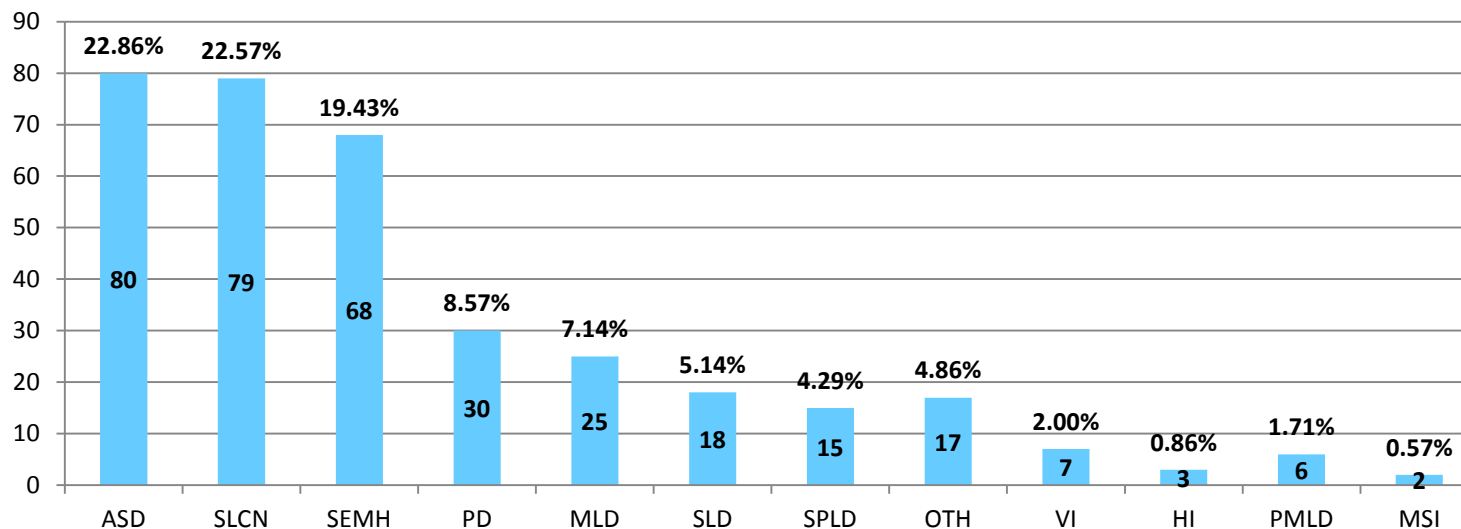
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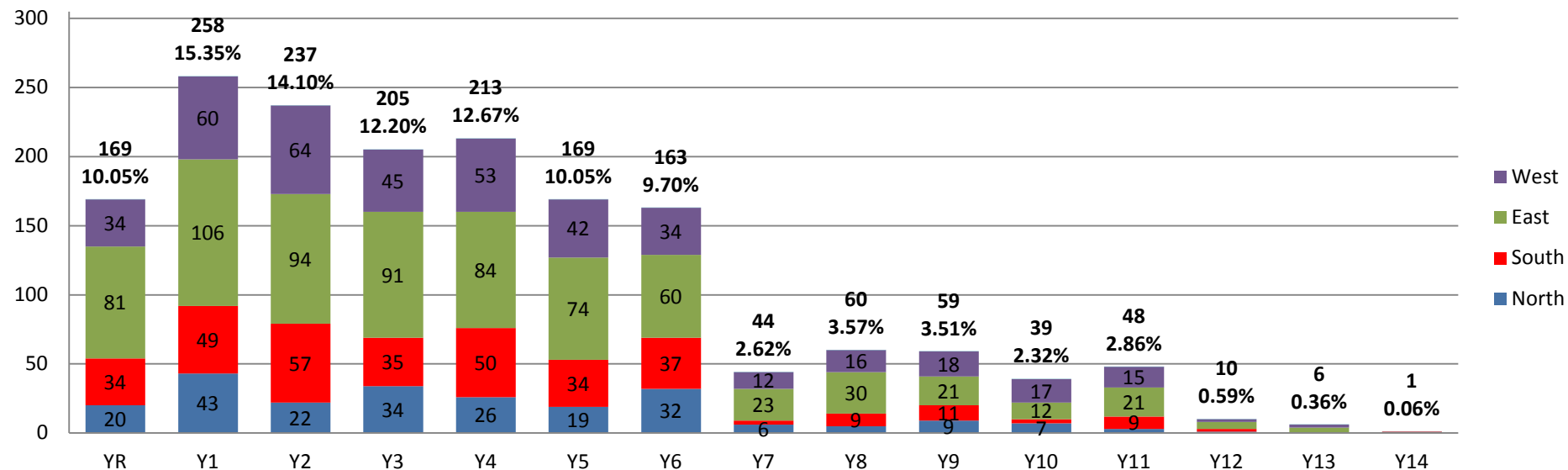
Need Type Key:

ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
HI	Hearing Impairment
MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulty
MSI	Multi-sensory Impairment
OTH	Other Difficulty/ Disability
PD	Physical Disability
PMLD	Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty
SLD	Severe Learning Difficulty
SEMH	Social, Emotional & Mental Health
SPLD	Specific Learning Difficulty
SLCN	Speech, Language & Communication Needs
VI	Visual Impairment

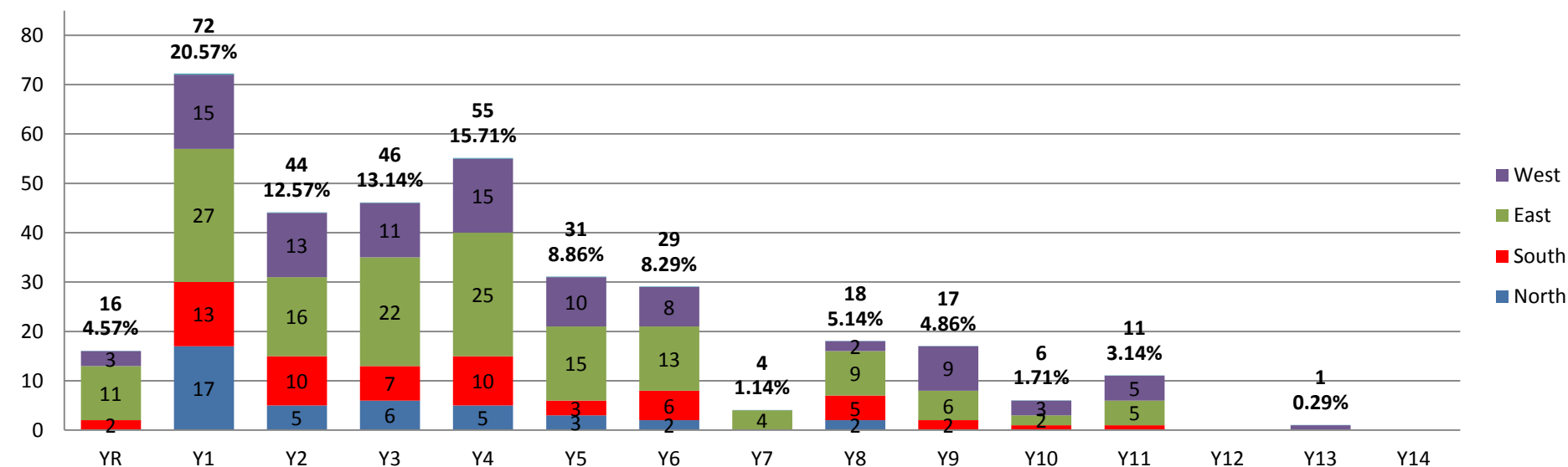
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Aims of HNF Team

- 1) To respond to applications within two weeks.
- 2) We wanted the process to be less bureaucratic and quicker than previous systems.
- 3) We wanted the funding to be targeted at the pupils who required the highest levels of provision to meet their needs, regardless as to whether they have a Statement of SEN or EHC Plan or not.
- 4) We wanted to continue to develop the system with feedback from the SENCos and schools.

Progress Towards Our Aims

Aim 1

- We wanted to respond to applications within two weeks.
- *The number of applications fluctuates, however we are still aiming for schools to receive funds within 6 weeks of their initial application (backdated to date of initial application).*

Progress Towards Our Aims

Aim 2

- We wanted the process to be less bureaucratic and quicker than previous systems.
- *We are continuing to attend AEN Update meetings, SENCo Forum meetings and other meetings to provide more details on the process. We also offer individual support to SENCos either over the phone or at their school.*
- *More and more SENCos are now reporting that they can complete the application within an average of 1 hour as they become familiar with the form and reapplication is even quicker.*
- *84% of schools across county have made applications.*

Progress Towards Our Aims

Aim 3

- We wanted the funding to be targeted at the pupils who required the highest levels of provision to meet their needs, regardless as to whether they have a Statement of SEN or EHC Plan or not.
- *Provision is shown by schools providing the pupil's personalised/provision plan.*
- *To date 790 pupils without a Statement of SEN or EHC Plan have had high needs funding agreed.*
- *70% of new applications don't have an EHCP or SSEN.*

Secondary Schools

- Out of 100 secondary schools in Kent, 58 have made applications for HNF – 58%
- There are 68 non-grammar secondary schools, of which 43 have made a HNF application – 63%
- Out of the 32 grammar schools, 15 have made applications – 47%
- The secondary schools make less applications per school.
- Possible reasons; provision doesn't amount to more than £6,000, economies of scale mean groups are bigger than 1:4, some pupils with HNF go to special school at secondary transfer, secondary schools have more focus on developing independent learning skills, pupils who received HNF in primary school need less intervention due to progress, able to meet needs through their notational SEN budget.

Progress Towards Our Aims

Aim 4

- We wanted to continue to develop the system with feedback from the SENCos and schools.
- *User group held in January which provided further feedback.*
- *An update on future improvements was shared with schools via the e-bulletin and on Kelsi in May.*
- *We were hoping to have these completed by September 2016 but ICT managed to complete the work during the May half term.*
- *Feedback so far has been very positive and the process is much quicker.*

Parental Information

- Parental guidance on high needs funding is now available on the Local Offer and Kelsi.
- The guidance is also available in easy read, audio and braille versions.
- Schools have been asked to share with parents when they seek consent to make a HNF application.