

Position Statement on Central Bedfordshire Council FMSiS Assessments

Background

1. The Forum has been presented with position statements throughout 2009-10 detailing the progress of the Authority in assessing schools against the Financial Management Standard in Schools (FMSiS). Since then, further assessments have been completed, some assessments are in progress and some assessments have yet to be commenced. In some cases this is because the schools have not submitted their evidence to the Authority for assessment.

Current position

2. The summary table below indicates the current status of Central Bedfordshire Council's schools in terms of passing the FMSiS.

	Status at 9.6.10	As percentage of all CBC schools	Comments
Pass	79	57%	This includes 8 upper schools which had previously met the Standard and are currently being reassessed
Fail	8	6%	Two of these schools have submitted evidence for reassessment
In progress	26	19%	
Received but not yet started	8	6%	
Not yet received	13	9%	
Schools not required to meet the Standard	4	3%	3 Nursery Schools (compliance is discretionary) and one Special School which is closing in 2010-11
Total CBC Schools	138	100%	

3. The number of schools that have successfully met the Standard has increased since the last report to the Forum, but when expressed as a percentage of the schools scheduled for assessment this has decreased due to the requirement for all schools to have met the Standard by 31st March 2010, and some schools' failure to comply with this deadline. These schools have been reminded of their obligations and set a revised a deadline of 18th June 2010 by the Director of Children's Services for submission of their evidence for assessment. Some schools have already provided the required evidence.
4. Of the 26 assessments in progress, 16 are substantially complete. Of these 3 have obtained a Conditional Pass and a further 13 are completed but have yet to pass through the 'moderation' review process.

Summary and Conclusions

- All schools were required to comply with the Standard by 31st March 2010. Most schools have submitted evidence for assessment in line with this deadline, and those schools that did not were informed in writing that they must submit evidence by 18th June 2010.
- A substantial number of assessments are in progress (26) and many of these (16) are nearing completion.