
Meeting: **ADMISSIONS FORUM**
Date: **11 November 2010**
Subject: **Admission Arrangements September 2012 - Standard Admissions Policy**
Report of: **Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children, Families and Learning**

Summary: The purpose of this report is to inform the Forum of the change in the definition section of the standard admissions policy for community and voluntary controlled schools.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. That the change to the ‘very exceptional’ medical grounds definition of the standard admissions policy for community and voluntary controlled schools, for September 2012, be noted.**
- 2. That the governing bodies of foundation, trust and voluntary aided schools that include the medical grounds criterion within their policy be asked to make the necessary change.**
- 3. That, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, the Academy considers making the necessary change.**

Background

1. The proposed standard admissions policy for community and voluntary controlled schools, for September 2012, is attached at Appendix A.
2. Although no changes are proposed to the oversubscription criteria, an amendment has been made to the section which relates to the definition of ‘very exceptional’ medical grounds. The change is shown in italics and relates to the seeking of further information to determine whether it is essential for a child to be admitted to the preferred school on medical grounds. The existing definition refers to advice being sought from the Authority’s medical officer, a role which no longer exists.

3. This is not a significant change to the admission arrangements and the Local Authority would not normally be required to consult. However, it is important that schools are aware of the change and for that reason it is proposed to circulate the amended policy together with any other changes to the admission arrangements which may be required.
4. Members of the Forum are asked to recommend to the governing bodies of foundation, trust and voluntary aided schools that include the medical grounds criterion within their policy, that they make the necessary change to the definition section of their policies for September 2012. The Academy may also wish to consider making the change, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State.

Appendices:

Appendix A Standard Admissions Policy 2012
Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools

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