

**REPORT TO:** Education Committee

**MEETING DATE:** 20 November 2012

**BY:** Executive Director (Services for People)

**SUBJECT:** Exclusions from Schools in East Lothian 2011-12

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## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with information about exclusions from East Lothian schools during academic session 2011-12.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The information provided in this report relates to 'temporary exclusions' within local authority schools in East Lothian (Appendix 1).
- 3.2 There were no 'permanent exclusions' (pupils removed from the register) in East Lothian during 2011-12. This has been the case for the previous 10 academic sessions.
- 3.3 This report deals with three key areas of information involving exclusion from local authority schools in East Lothian (school – local authority primary and secondary schools in East Lothian unless otherwise specified)
- The number of exclusions from school
  - The number of individual pupils excluded from school
  - The number of half days of education lost as a result of exclusion from school.
- 3.4 Scottish Government figures are made available every 2 years. There is no data available allowing up-to-date comparison with national figures or other local authorities' figures.

### 3.5 SUMMARY

- 3.5.1 In the academic session 2011-12 the number of incidents of temporary exclusion from school reduced by 16% compared with academic session 2010-11. This is equivalent to 41 exclusions per 1,000 pupils. Over the previous 3 academic sessions, 2009-10 to 2011-12 there has been a 26% reduction in the number of exclusions.
- 3.5.2 In the academic session 2011-12 the number of individual pupils excluded from school reduced by 10% compared with the number of pupils excluded in academic session 2010-2011. This is the equivalent of 22 pupils per 1,000. Over the previous 3 academic sessions, 2009-10 to 2011-12, there has been a reduction in the number of individual pupils excluded of 19%.
- 3.5.3 In the academic session 2011-12 the number of half days of education lost as a result of exclusion from school reduced by 26% compared with the number of half days of education lost in academic session 2010-11. Over the previous 3 academic sessions, 2009-10 to 2011-12, there has been an overall reduction in the number of half days of education lost of 35%.

### 3.6 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- 3.6.1 There were 127 exclusions from **primary** schools in academic session 2011-12 (23% of the total). This is equivalent to 17 exclusions per 1,000 pupils. There was a 13% increase (17 exclusions) in primary school exclusions compared with the academic session 2010-11. The rate of primary exclusions in East Lothian has been rising by small amounts each year since 2005/06 with the exception of academic session 2010-2011.
- 3.6.2 There were 59 individual pupils excluded from **primary** schools in academic session 2011-2012 (20% of the total). This is equivalent to 8 primary pupils excluded per 1,000 primary pupils. There was an 11% reduction (7 pupils) in individual pupils excluded from primary schools in 2011-2012 compared with the academic session 2010-11. The number of individual pupils excluded from primary schools has decreased in the previous 3 academic sessions by 26%.
- 3.6.3 533 half days of education were lost as a result of exclusion in **primary** schools in the academic session 2011-12 (24% of the total). This represents a 19% rise (101 half days) compared to the previous academic session. There was 15% reduction (94 half days) compared to session 2009-2010. The average length for each exclusion from primary school in session 2011-12 was 4.1 half days. This increased from 3.9 half days in academic session 2010-11.
- 3.7 There were 415 exclusions from **secondary** schools in academic session 2011-2012 (77% of the total). This is equivalent to 72 exclusions per 1,000 pupils. There was a 22% decrease (120 exclusions) in secondary school exclusions compared with academic session 2010-11. The rate of secondary exclusions in East Lothian has been falling each year since 2006/07.

- 3.8 There were 240 individual pupils excluded from **secondary** schools in academic session 2011-12 (80%). This is equivalent to 42 secondary pupils excluded per 1,000 pupils. There was a 9% reduction (25 pupils) in individual pupils excluded from primary schools in 2011-2012 compared with the academic session 2010-11. The number of individual pupils excluded from secondary schools has decreased over the previous 3 academic sessions by 16%.
- 3.9 1,675 half days of education were lost as a result of exclusion in **secondary** schools in the academic session 2011-12 (76% of the total). This represents a reduction of 26% compared to the previous academic session. There was an overall reduction of 40% compared to session 2009-2010. The average length for each exclusion from secondary school in session 2011-12 was 4.0 half days. This reduced from 4.8 half days in academic session 2010-11.
- 3.10 Overall, **male pupils** accounted for 73% of exclusions in East Lothian. Male pupils in primary schools accounted for 98% of all primary exclusions. Male pupils accounted for 66% of all secondary exclusions.
- 3.11 **Reasons for exclusion** - East Lothian showed that the majority of exclusions involved general or persistent disobedience.
- 3.12 The rate of exclusions for children who are **looked after** by the local authority in East Lothian has been calculated on the basis of the looked after status recorded at the time of the exclusion. There were 86 exclusions from school of looked after children, which is 16% of the total number of exclusions in schools. This is an increase from 14% in academic session 2010-11.

## **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no policy implications.

## **5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

## **6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Financial - None
- 6.2 Personnel - None
- 6.3 Other - None

## 7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Appendix 1 - Exclusions from East Lothian Primary and Secondary Schools over Previous 3 Academic Years.

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**APPENDIX 1****EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL  
DEPARTMENT OF SERVICES FOR PEOPLE****EXCLUSIONS FROM EAST LoTHIAN PRIMAY AND SECONDARY  
SCHOOLS OVER PREVIOUS 3 ACADEMIC YEARS****SECONDARY AND PRIMARY EXCLUSIONS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Duration of Exclusions (in half days)</b>	<b>Total Exclusions (incidents)</b>	<b>Total Pupils Excluded (individual pupils)</b>
2011 -2012	2,208	542	299
2010 -2011	2,970	645	331
2009 - 2010	3,417	732	367

**PRIMARY EXCLUSIONS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Duration of Exclusions (in half days)</b>	<b>Total Exclusions (incidents)</b>	<b>Total Pupils Excluded (individual pupils)</b>
2011 -2012	533	127	59
2010 -2011	432	110	66
2009 - 2010	627	159	80

**SECONDARY EXCLUSIONS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Duration of Exclusions (in half days)</b>	<b>Total Exclusions (incidents)</b>	<b>Total Pupils Excluded (individual pupils)</b>
2011 -2012	1,675	415	240
2010 -2011	2,538	535	265
2009 - 2010	2,790	573	287