

Appendix 2: Report on Fixed Term and Permanent Exclusions from Flintshire – Secondary Schools

Overview:

The figures used to populate this report are based on the individual pupil exclusion records held within the County's ONE database.

The results below are taken from the previous three full academic years (2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12).

Comparison Data:

The all Wales comparative exclusions data for the 2011/12 academic year will not be available until March 2013 from the Statistical Directorate of the Welsh Government.

The data for 2010/11 showed that the overall trend for Wales for both fixed term and permanent exclusions is downward. The results for Flintshire's high schools for the 2010/11 academic year mirror that trend overall, of particular note from the March 2012 data release is that:

- The number of permanent exclusions from Flintshire High Schools has declined year on year from a peak of 24 instances in 2003/4 to just 1 instance in 2011/12.
- The number of instances of fixed term exclusion from our High Schools increased year on year from 408 instances in 2003/4 to a peak of 927 instances in 2006/07. Since the peak in 2006/07 the trend had been downward in Flintshire. However there was an increase in instances and the number of pupils excluded in the 2011/12 academic year as can be seen in the table below.
- Comparison with our neighbouring LA's for 2010/11 shows that Denbighshire reported 397 instances and Wrexham reported 991 instances of fixed term exclusion compared to 509 instances in Flintshire.

Table 1a: Fixed Term and Permanent Exclusions

Fixed Term Exclusions			Permanent Exclusions
Academic Year	Number of Instances	Number of Pupils	Permanent
2009/10	470	320	4
2010/11	378	265	4
2011/12	509	309	1
Totals:	1,357	894	9

Observations:

- The number of instances of Fixed Term Exclusion was reducing year on year (470 to 378 a fall of 92 instances in the two years). The total of instances in 2011/12 shows an increase from 378 to 509, an increase of 131 instances.

- The number of pupils given Fixed Term Exclusions in these three academic years was also reducing year on year, from 320 pupils in 09/10 to 265 in 10/11 a fall of 55 pupils. The number of pupils fixed term excluded in the 2011/12 academic year rose to 309 an increase from the 2010/11 total of 265 individuals but still lower than the 2009/10 peak of 320 individuals.
- The frequency of Permanent Exclusions in our High Schools has also reduced from 4 instances in both 2009/10 and 2010/11, to just 1 instance in 2011/12. This is a reduction of 3 instances in these three academic years.

Table 1b: The number of High School pupils Fixed Term and Permanently excluded in this date range, expressed as a percentage of the total High School pupil population for each academic year.

Note: The total pupil population figures are taken from the statistical return made by all schools in January each year as part of their annual PLASC return.

Academic Year	Total Excluded Pupils	Total High School Pupil Population	Total Excluded Pupils as a %
2009/10	324	10,568	3.07%
2010/11	269	10,312	2.61%
2011/12	310	10,206	3.03%
Averages:	301	10,362	2.90%

Observations:

- The average number of pupils excluded from Flintshire High Schools was 301 individuals for the three academic years of this report, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12.
- This represents an average 2.90% of the average total High School pupil population in Flintshire (10,362 pupils) for these three academic years, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12.
- It is noted that during this date range the total High School pupil population decreased between 2009/10 from 10,568 to 10,206 in 2010/11 a decrease of 362 pupils. Over these three academic years the number of pupils excluded reduced from 324 in 2009/10 to 269 in 2010/11, the total in 2011/12 shows an increase of 41 to a total of 310 pupils in this academic year.

Table 2: The Gender of the pupils who were Fixed Term and Permanently Excluded

Academic Year	Fixed Term			Permanent		
	Number of Pupils	M	F	Permanent	M	F
2009/10	320	231	89	4	4	0
2010/11	265	201	64	4	4	0
2011/12	309	225	84	1	0	1
Totals:	894	657	237	9	8	1

Observations

- It is clear that the majority of pupils receiving Fixed Term Exclusions in High Schools in Flintshire over the date range of this report (2009/10,2010/11 and 2011/12 inclusive) were male (657 male pupils compared to 237 females) that is a ratio of almost 3 (2.77 actual) males to each female pupil excluded.
- Of the 9 pupils who were Permanently Excluded in the date range of this report (2009/19, 2010/11 and 2011/12 inclusive), 8 were males and 1 was female, a ratio of 8:1 (actual) male pupils to every female pupil excluded.

Table 3: The ethnicity of the pupils in the 2011/12 academic year who were Fixed Term and Permanently Excluded

Ethnicity	%
White British	91.6%

Observation

- The majority (91.6 % of the High School pupils who were reported as Fixed Term or Permanently excluded in the 2011/12 full academic year were recorded as being of 'White/British' origin.
- Of the remaining 26 pupils, 20 pupils had no ethnicity recorded due to parental preference and the remainder (6 individuals) were from minority ethnic groups.

Table 4: The Number of Fixed Term and Permanently Excluded Pupils in the Identified Academic Years by High School

2009/10		Number of pupils			Details of exclusions		
School	M	F	Total	Total number of fixed term exclusions	Average length of fixed term exclusions in days	Total number of permanent exclusions	
A	8	5	13	22	9.5	0	
B	7	3	10	15	3.7	0	
C	44	15	59	93	3.3	2	
D	36	11	47	66	2.4	0	
E	19	9	28	45	3.1	0	
F	8	3	11	11	3.4	0	
G	25	15	40	58	2.2	1	
H	14	4	18	32	5.2	0	
I	16	7	23	34	3.3	0	
J	27	11	38	52	2.5	1	
K	20	3	23	32	4.5	0	
L	7	3	10	10	4.2	0	
Average	19	7	27	39	3.9	N/A	
2010/11		Number of pupils			Details of exclusions		
School	M	F	Total	Total number of fixed term exclusions	Average length of fixed term exclusions in days	Total number of permanent exclusions	
A	11	0	11	16	18.7	2	
B	13	4	17	22	6.2	0	
C	17	14	31	47	7.8	2	
D	30	12	42	59	5.7	0	
E	13	6	19	28	3.7	0	
F	3	0	3	4	3.7	0	
G	17	7	24	38	3.6	0	
H	10	2	12	19	4.9	0	
I	32	2	34	42	3.1	0	
J	25	9	34	54	2.9	0	
K	11	3	14	15	4.4	0	
L	19	5	24	34	3.3	0	
Average	17	6	22	31	5.7	N/A	
2011/12		Number of pupils			Details of exclusions		
School	M	F	Total	Total number of fixed term exclusions	Average length of fixed term exclusions in days	Total number of permanent exclusions	
A	20	7	27	44	2.3	0	
B	3	1	4	5	10.0	0	
C	10	5	15	20	4.2	0	
D	27	6	33	53	2.0	0	
E	25	6	31	36	1.7	0	
F	16	7	23	34	3.1	0	
G	20	3	23	29	2.8	0	
H	51	29	80	174	2.9	1	
I	12	3	15	25	3.6	0	
J	9	4	13	21	2.5	0	
K	21	13	34	53	2.2	0	
L	11	0	11	15	16.1	0	
Average	19	8	26	42	4.5	N/A	

Observations:

- All 12 of our High Schools fixed term excluded pupils in each of the three academic years in the date range of this report, (2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 inclusive).
- A decreasing number of our High Schools permanently excluded pupils in the three academic years in the date range of this report, from 3 (25.0 %) of the 12 schools in 2009/10 to just 1 (8.3%) of the 12 schools in 2011/12.
- In the three academic years of this report there is a significant variation in the use of fixed term exclusion by our High Schools both in terms of the numbers of pupils receiving a period of exclusion and the average length of that exclusion.
- The range of the number of pupils excluded by our High Schools was as follows:
 - 2009/10 was between a minimum of 10 pupils in 1 High School and a maximum of 59 pupils in another High School.
 - 2010/11 was between a minimum of 3 pupils in 1 High School and a maximum of 42 pupils in another High School.
 - 2011/12 was between a minimum of 4 pupils in 1 High School and a maximum of 80 pupils in another High School.

The range of the average period of fixed term exclusion was as follows:

- 2009/10 an average of 3.9 days
- 2010/11 an average of 5.7days
- 2011/12 an average of 4.5 days

The average ratio between male and female pupils who were Fixed Term excluded during the date range of this report was as follows:

- 2009/10 the average ratio was 3 males to each female pupil excluded
- 2010/11 the average ratio was 3 males to each female pupil excluded.
- 2011/12 the average ratio was 2 males to each female pupil excluded.
- The average for the three academic years of this report (2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 inclusive) was almost 3 (2.6 actual) male pupils for every female pupil who was fixed term excluded.
- The tables here also demonstrate that a number of pupils were receiving multiple exclusions in an academic year. It is these pupils who were causing the most disruption in our High Schools.

Table 5a: The reasons for all types of exclusions from Flintshire High Schools in this date range

Reason	Number of Instances 2009/10	Number of Pupils 2009/10	Number of Instances 2010/11	Number of Pupils 2010/11	Number of Instances 2011/12	Number of Pupils 2011/12
Bullying	20	20	8	8	10	10
Damage to Property	10	10	8	8	9	9
Defiance	85	66	83	62	153	110
Disruptive Behaviour	52	40	33	30	46	37
Other	20	20	5	5	7	7
Possession / Use of Weapons	2	2	4	4	2	2
Racial Harassment	1	1	4	4	2	2
Sexual Harassment	3	3	3	3	2	2
Substance Misuse	14	13	6	6	13	13
Theft	9	9	5	5	4	4
Threatening / Dangerous Behaviour	29	29	35	32	31	29
Verbal Abuse	100	79	65	54	109	87
Violence to Pupils	127	114	123	107	115	104
Violence to Staff	5	5	4	4	7	7
Totals:	477	411	386	332	510	423

Please note: The apparent discrepancy between the total number of pupils recorded year on year in table 5a above and the total number of pupils recorded in table 1a is explained by the fact that some individual pupils are fixed term excluded on more than one occasion in an academic year for different reasons.

Table 5b: Combined yearly totals of the reasons for all types of exclusion from Flintshire High Schools in this date range

Reason	Number of Instances	Number of Pupils
Bullying	38	38
Damage to Property	27	27
Defiance	321	238
Disruptive Behaviour	131	107
Other	32	32
Possession / Use of Weapons	8	8
Racial Harassment	7	7
Sexual Harassment	8	8
Substance Misuse	33	32
Theft	18	18
Threatening / Dangerous Behaviour	95	90
Verbal Abuse	274	220
Violence to Pupils	365	325
Violence to Staff	16	16
Totals:	1,373	1,166

Observations:

From Tables 5a and 5b it can be seen that for this date range the most frequent reason for exclusion in Flintshire High School over these three years were:

- 1st 'Violence to Pupils' (365 instances involving 325 excluded pupils).
- 2nd for 'Defiance' (321 instances involving 238 excluded pupils).

- 3rd for 'Verbal Abuse' (274 instances involving 220 excluded pupils).
- 4th for 'Disruptive Behaviour' (131 instances involving 107 excluded pupils).
- 5th for 'Threatening / Dangerous Behaviour' (95 instances involving 90 excluded pupils).
- 6th for 'Bullying' (38 instances involving 38 excluded pupils).

Table 6: The tariff ranges in days for the various reasons for fixed term exclusion for the three full academic years reported.

Reason	Tariff Range in days 2009/10	Tariff Range in days 2010/11	Tariff Range in days 2011/12	Overall Tariff Range in days	Median Exclusion Tariff in days
Bullying	1 - 9	2 - 9	1-3	1-9	5
Damage to Property	1 - 15	1 - 5	1-6	1-15	7
Defiance	1 - 20	1 - 29	1-34	1-34	17
Disruptive Behaviour	0.5 - 15	1 - 10	1-10	0.5-15	7
Other	1 - 5	1 - 10	2-38	1-38	19
Possession / Use of Weapons	1	1 - 10	1-2	1-10	5
Racial Harassment	3	1 - 3	1	1-3	2
Sexual Harassment	2 - 3	1 - 20	5	1-20	10
Substance Misuse	1 - 26	1 - 8	2-24	1-26	13
Theft	3 - 10	1 - 5	1-3	1-10	5
Threatening / Dangerous Behaviour	1 - 15	1 - 15	1-15	1-15	7
Verbal Abuse	1 - 15	1 - 10	1-20	1-20	10
Violence to Pupils	1 - 19	1 - 41	1-40	1-41	20.5
Violence to Staff	1 - 10	1 - 14	1-38	1-38	19
Overall Ranges in days	0.5 - 26	1 - 41	1- 40	0.5-41	20.5

Observations

- Overall the range of fixed term exclusions in Flintshire High Schools for the three full academic years of this report (2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 inclusive) was between 0.5 and 41days (the 41days was for 1 pupil only).
- There were 6 low incidence reasons for exclusions in Flintshire High Schools in the three full academic years reported here (2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 inclusive), these were:
 - 'Possession/Use of Weapons', 8 instances involving 8 pupils
 - 'Racial Harassment', 7 instances involving 7 pupils
 - 'Sexual Harassment', 8 instances involving 8 pupils
 - 'Violence to Staff, 16 instances involving 16 pupils
 - 'Theft', 18 instances involving 18 pupils
 - 'Substance Misuse', 33 instances involving 22 pupils
- The majority of fixed term exclusions occurred for reasons that mostly come within the 'behavioural / attitudinal' range (Defiance, Disruptive Behaviour, Threatening/Dangerous Behaviour, Verbal Abuse, Violence to Pupils and Staff).

Summary Observations:

From the records of all types of exclusions from Flintshire High Schools recorded between September 2009 and the end of the summer term in July 2012 it is clear that:

- The majority of pupils fixed term and permanently excluded from our High Schools had a reported ethnicity of 'White/British' (91.6%).
- There is an on-going concern about the number of pupils in some of our High Schools who are receiving multiple fixed term exclusions in an academic year. It is these pupils who are causing the majority of disruption in our High Schools.
- For the three full academic years reported here the number of instances of both Fixed term and Permanent exclusion reported were as follows:
 - In 2009/10, there were a total of 470 instances
 - In 2010/11, there were a total of 382 instances
 - In 2011/12 there were a total of 510 instances
- The average number of High School pupils 'Fixed Term' and 'Permanently' excluded was 301 in the three full academic years of this report.
 - This represents an average of 2.9% of the average total pupil population for the three academic years reported here (2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 inclusive).
- There were a total of 9 Permanent exclusions reported by our High Schools between September 2009 and the end of term in July 2012.
- The majority of pupils who were either 'Fixed Term' or 'Permanently' excluded during the date range of this report were male, (657males compared to 237females). An average ratio of approximately 3:1 (2.77 actual) males to every female pupil excluded between September 2009 and the end of term in July 2012.
- All 12 of our High Schools fixed term excluded some of their pupils in all three full academic years of this report.
- The reason for the greatest number of Fixed Term exclusions during the date range of this report (2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 inclusive) were for:
 - 'Violence to Pupils' with 627 instances involving 549 pupils being excluded
 - 'Defiance' with 577 instances involving 417 pupils being excluded
 - 'Verbal Abuse' with 458 instances involving 372 pupils being excluded

- There were 6 low incidence reasons for Fixed Term exclusions in Flintshire High Schools in these three full academic years, these were:
 - 'Possession/Use of Weapons', 14 instances involving 14 pupils
 - 'Racial Harassment', 16 instances involving 16 pupils
 - 'Sexual Harassment', 17 instances involving 17 pupils
 - 'Violence to Staff, 33 instances involving 33 pupils
 - 'Theft', 36 instances involving 36 pupils
 - 'Substance Misuse', 50 instances involving 49 pupils
- The majority of fixed term exclusions occurred for reasons that mostly come within the 'behavioural/attitudinal range (Defiance, Disruptive Behaviour, Threatening/Dangerous Behaviour, Verbal Abuse, Violence to Pupils and Staff.