

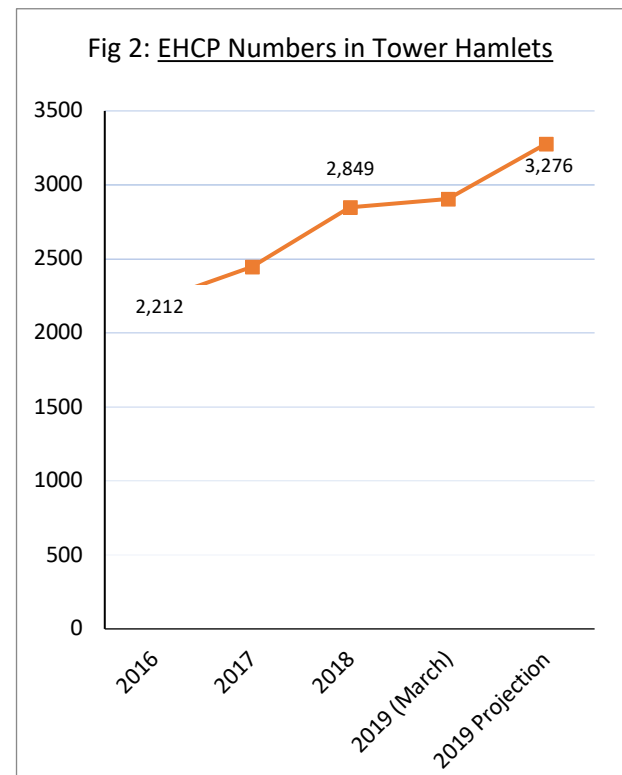
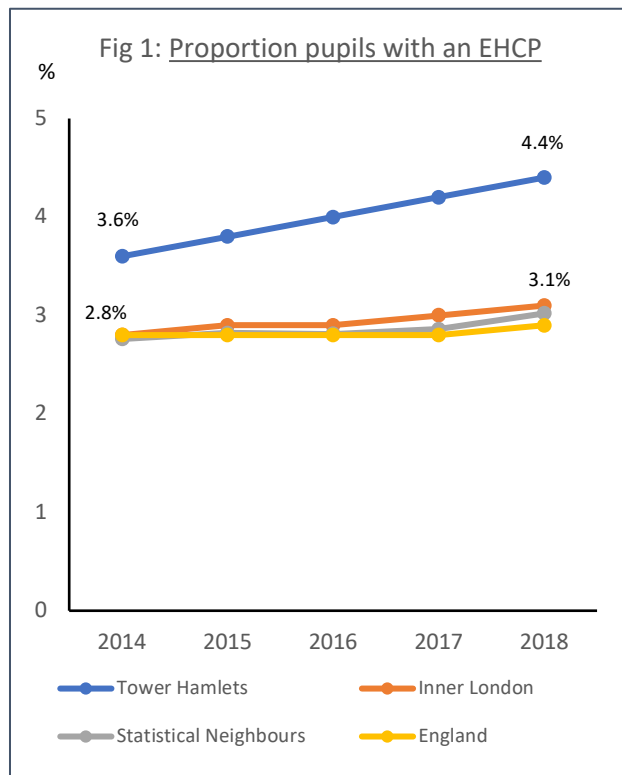
SEND Finance Consultation

Background briefing 2: Numbers of children with SEND¹

Tower Hamlets has the second highest percentage of children with an EHCP in England (see fig 1); only Torbay in Devon has a higher rate. Local councils decide criteria for an EHCP, so the numbers with an EHCP reflect local ways of working as well as level of need. The number of children with an EHCP in Tower Hamlets is currently growing at 15% per year (fig 2); nationally the increase is about 11% per year.

Table 1 Numbers of Children with SEND

	% CYP at SEN Support	% CYP with an EHCP	Total with an EHCP	Fixed period exclusions (with an EHCP)	Fixed period exclusions (at SEN support)
LB Tower Hamlets	12.1%	4.4%	2,444	7.7%	6.1%
Inner London	12.1%	3.0%	19,782	15.9%	10%
England	11.9%	3.0%	319,819	16.4%	14.6%



The type of needs identified for children with SEND, both with an EHCP and at SEN support, are shown in table 2. In Tower Hamlets the largest groups with an EHCP are those with autism or with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN). Children with autism tend to be the largest group with an EHCP in most parts of England. Another large group of children in Tower Hamlets is those with social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs, although at a slightly lower level than the average for England.

¹ Most data presented is from January 2018, which is the most up-to-date currently available outside LBTH.

Table 2: Numbers and percentage of children with SEND by primary need (2018)

Primary Type of Need	LB Tower Hamlets		England	
	SEN support	Statement or EHCP	SEN support	Statement or EHCP
Multi- Sensory Impairment	0.1% 8	0.3% 5	0.2%	0.3%
Visual Impairment	0.8% 43	1.2% 24	1.0%	1.4%
Hearing impairment	2.0% 108	4.3% 85	1.7%	2.5%
Physical Disability	1.5% 79	3.1% 62	2.4%	5.4%
Specific Learning Difficulty	9.6% 525	2.0% 39	15.0%	3.5%
Moderate Learning Difficulty	14.4% 783	3.9% 77	24.0%	12.0%
Severe Learning Difficulty	0.2% 12	4.2% 84	0.3%	12.5%
Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty	0.0% 2	8.7% 172	0.1%	4.3%
Speech, Language & Communication Needs	41.9% 2,282	27.7% 551	22.8%	14.0%
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	1.9% 103	32.2% 640	5.7%	28.2%
Social, Emotional and Mental Health	20.7% 1,125	10.4% 206	17.5%	12.8%
SEN support (unspecified)	3.2% 175	0% 0	4.1%	0%
Other Difficulty/Disability	3.7% 199	2.1% 41	5.1%	2.6%
Totals	5,444	1,986	932,759	235,384

Where pupils with an EHCP learn

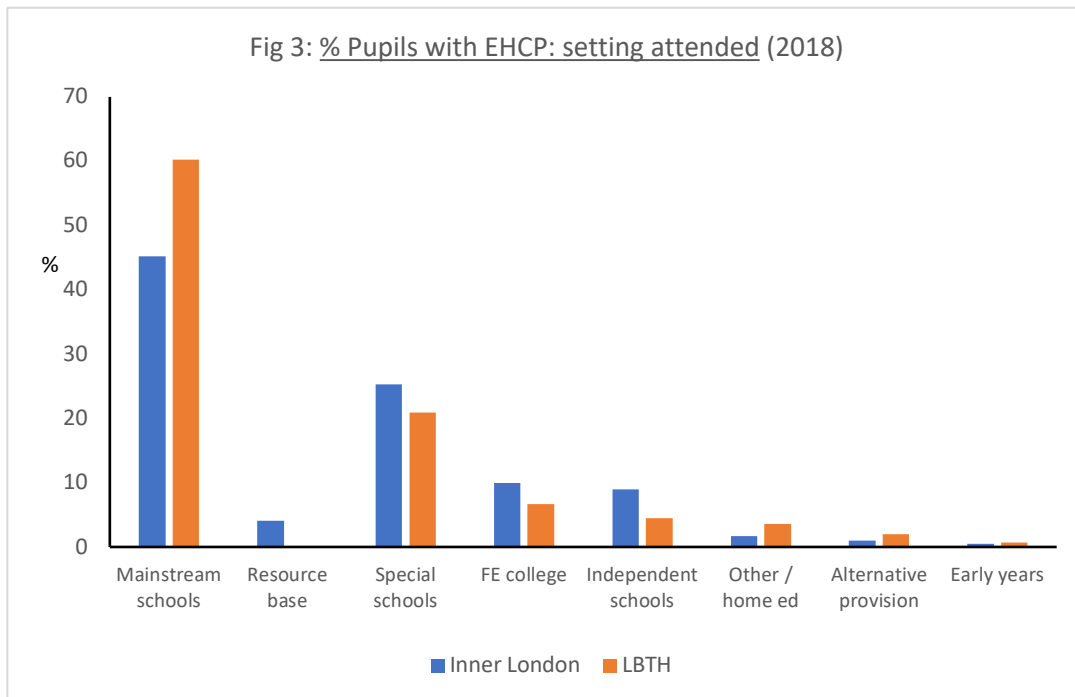


Fig 3 compares Tower Hamlets with the other inner London Boroughs. It shows the commitment locally to most children learning in mainstream schools and that fewer Tower Hamlets children are taught in independent special schools that are more costly. In Tower Hamlets, there is also a smaller proportion attending FE colleges and also twice as many in alternative provision and other types of provision.