

Appendix A – Comparisons with statistical neighbours

Research 2010

Shropshire has considerably less specialist provision than its statistical neighbours. In other local authorities the ratio of specialist places to the pupil population is generally around 1:60-70. In Shropshire this figure is 1:150.

Lincolnshire: 1:59	Dorset: 1:66
Gloucestershire: 1:69	Norfolk: 1:67
Worcestershire: 1:61	Suffolk: 1:75

Our statistical neighbours have invested in resource bases for ASD provision, many of which are components of mainstream schools.

Lincolnshire has an ASD special school.

Gloucestershire has 4 ASD resource units attached to mainstream schools. These provide places for a total of 50 pupils.

Worcestershire has 14 ASD resource bases, catering for 119 pupils.

Norfolk has 14 ASD specific bases.

Suffolk operates a resource with 6 places and has an ASD outreach service that supports 70 schools in the local area, with satellites in 3 other schools.