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[Written Answers]

Education: Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

Lord Storey

To ask Her Majesty's Government what support they are providing to (1) children, and (2) young people, in full-time education who have myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME).

Baroness Barran

The department is committed to supporting pupils with medical conditions at school to ensure they have full access to education.

In 2014, the government introduced a new duty on schools to support all pupils with medical conditions. It published statutory guidance on this, available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supporting-pupils-at-school-with-medical-conditions-3>(opens

in a new tab).

The guidance does not specify which medical conditions should be supported in schools. Instead, it focuses on how to meet the needs of each individual child, and on how their medical condition impacts their school life.

Schools also have duties under the Equality Act 2010 to make reasonable adjustments and to not discriminate against disabled children, including those with long-term health conditions, in relation to their education and associated services. Schools must make reasonable adjustments to their practices, procedures, and policies to ensure that they are not putting those with long-term health problems at a substantial disadvantage.

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Special Educational Needs: Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

Lord Storey

To ask Her Majesty's Government how many children have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) due to having myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME).

Baroness Barran

The department does not hold data on the number of children who have an education, health, and care plan (EHCP) due to having myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME).

The department does publish information on the number of EHCPs held by school pupils by type of need, which is available here: here:

<https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/data-tables/fast-track/ad01069e-f490-4855-9b2c-7f784a98758d>

However, this does not include data on ME specifically.

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