

Caring for the vulnerable



# Alternative Provision Strategy and SEND Sufficiency Plan

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# Alternative provision strategy

Alternative provision is defined as:

education arranged by local authorities for pupils who, because of exclusion, illness, or other reasons, would not otherwise receive suitable education; education arranged by schools for pupils on a fixed period exclusion; and pupils being directed by schools to off-site provision to improve their behaviour.



## Overall development

- Data dashboard
- Strengthen oversight
- Clarity about roles and responsibilities
- Improved governance
- Right support at right time
- Optimising outcomes

## Pupil referral units

- Exclusion/ intervention/ medical placements
- 3 tier system – outreach first approach
- Improved re-integration
- Pupil voice shaping services

## Alternative provision

- Increase range
- Commissioning routes
- Quality assurance framework
- Communication strategy



# SEND sufficiency plan

## Current pressures

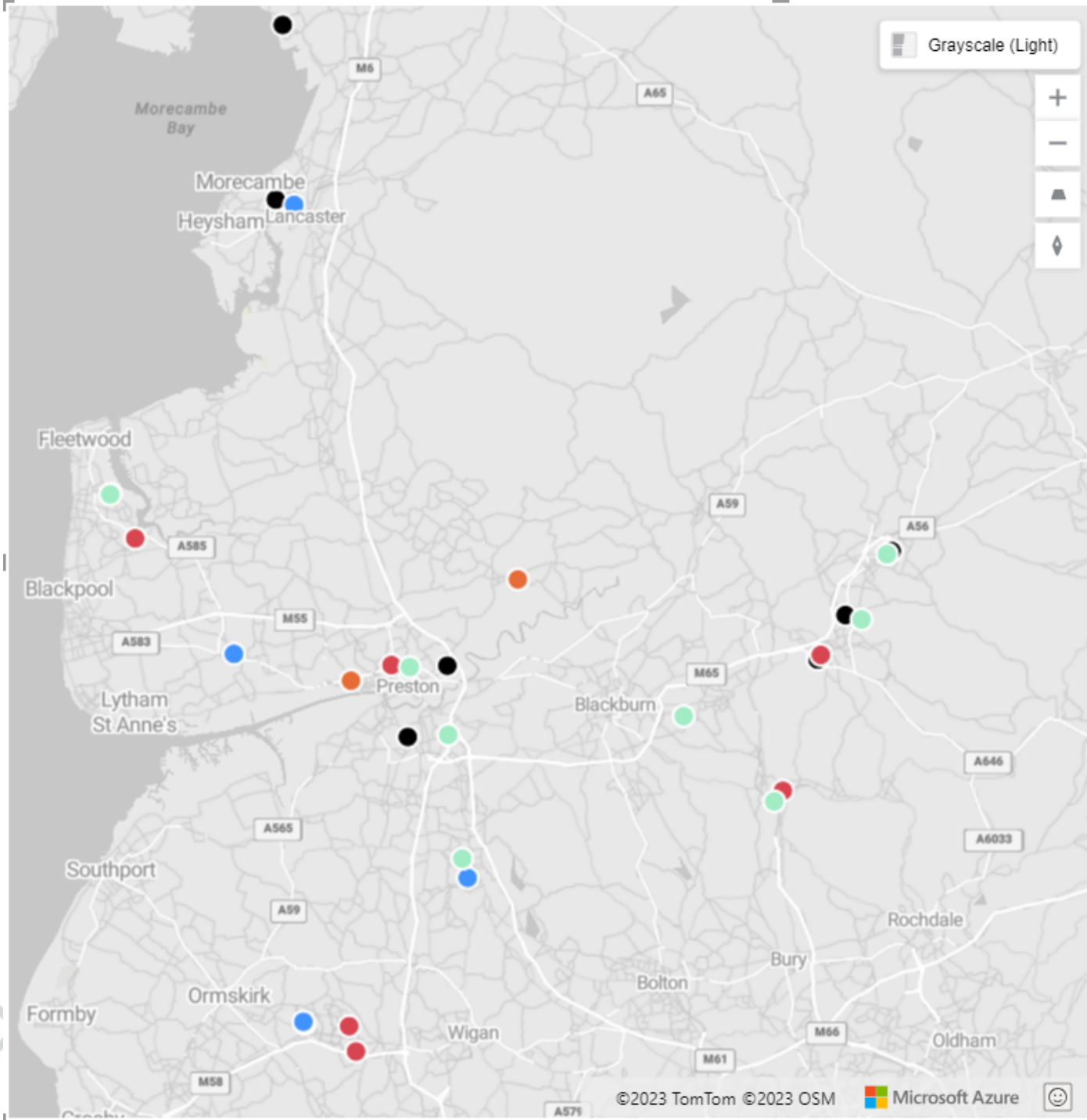
- 11,0036 EHC plans
- >2,900 requests for assessment (33%↑)
- Increase in complexity of need
- Pressure on high needs block funding

## Action to date

- 300+ more special school places
- Increase in SEN unit places
- Focus on early intervention and assessment
- Inclusion summits
- £500k investment in internal capacity

## Future developments

- 39 additional special school places 2023/24
- 205 additional special school places from Sept 2024
- 100+ more SEN unit places 2023/25



- Special school
- Special school (SEMH)
- Special school (other)
- Special school (expand in Phase 1)
- Special school (expansion - expression of interest)

