

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING –13 FEBRUARY 2020

**Question to Helen Fisher
Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport**

By Charlotte Atkins

Question

What progress has been made in reviewing the provision of school crossing patrols throughout the County? How many posts are currently vacant and where are they located? How many mobile patrols are presently being employed to cover vacancies?

Reply

A full review of the School Crossing Patrol (SCP) service was carried out in 2018/2019 to inform MTFS saving proposals. Further to consideration of feedback from consultations with schools, communities and staff, the decision was made not to implement the MTFS savings and to continue with the service on a business as usual basis.

Each SCP site is routinely assessed against national criteria on a biennial basis and, in addition, each site is reviewed when the incumbent Patrol has resigned or retired.

Despite community support for the service, it is often difficult to recruit to vacancies. The number of vacancies fluctuate on a week by week basis but there are currently 32 across Staffordshire (specifically at the locations listed below).

There are currently 12 Mobile Relief Patrols who are deployed on a priority basis across the county to cover predominantly short term and emergency absences of the regular Patrols. Recruitment is currently taking place to increase the number of Mobile Patrols to 15.

Schools are contacted by the SCP service to inform them of any absences and/or vacancies on their local Patrol points, so that parents and carers can be made aware.

In order to promote recruitment to vacancies as they arise, the SCP service utilise a Facebook page and have issued the Mobile Relief team with tabards especially designed to make local communities aware of the vacancy.

Current vacancies as at 07/02/2020

Newcastle and Moorlands

A409 Chesterton
A410 Priory Road/Abbot's Way Newcastle
A315a Pepper St, Silverdale
A435 Knutton Lane / Ashfields New Road, Newcastle
A437 Church Lane, Wolstanton
A614 Alexandra Road, Wolstanton
A614a Alexandra Road, Wolstanton
A491 Leek Road, Church Lane, Endon
A429 - Loggerheads, Newcastle Rd
A606a - Clayton Lane, Clayton High School, Newcastle
A436 Seabridge Lane/Roe Lane Clayton
A541 Wallbridge Drive Leek
A464 Spring Gardens/Burton Street, Leek
Mobile Relief Patrol - Leek
A423 High St Maybank jct Upper Marsh (Zebra]
A423a High St Maybank jct Upper Marsh (Zebra]

Cannock, Rugeley and South Staffs

B386a - Cannock Rd, Penkridge (canal bridge)
B386 - Wolgarston Way, Penkridge
B387a - Marsh Lane, Penkridge
B072 - The Parkway, Perton
378b - Walsall Rd, Norton Canes, for Jerome Primary
B371 New Penkridge Rd, Hatherton
Mobile relief x 2

Stafford and Lichfield

D155 Great Haywood
D161 St Leonards Primary, Stafford
D524 St Filumena's, Caverswall

Tamworth and Burton

E1 Branston Road/All saints Road, Burton-upon-Trent
E021 Church Hill St/Eldon St, Winshill
E206 Main St, Yoxall
E216 Holly Road, Uttoxeter
Mobile Relief - Burton-upon-Trent