

ALTERNATIVE PROVISION FORECASTING

WHAT IS EDGE-UCATE ALTERNATIVE PROVISION?

edge-ucate Alterative Provision provides intelligence on the current and future profile of pupils in alternative provision (AP), relating to pupils who cannot access mainstream school for reasons such as school exclusion, behavioural issues, school refusal or illness.

FUNCTIONALITY

- Adopting a three-stage forecasting approach, the historical profile of AP pupils enables the configuration and calibration of AP forecasts, taking account of demographic change linked to planned housing development.
- AP forecasts are provided by residential area, year group, and AP type. The AP type (All, EHCP, Other) enables the identification of AP pupils with additional SEN requirements.

APPROACH

- Developed by Edge Analytics in collaboration with Local Authorities to support the statutory requirements of the Education Act 1996.
- Underpinned by a robust process of data validation and model configuration.
- Data validation and technical support are provided by Edge Analytics.

BENEFITS

- Provides AP forecasts to inform and support Local Authorities in planning for AP.
- Annual updates refresh all data inputs.
- Delivered as an interactive MS Excel Data Model that can be easily distributed.
- Bespoke reports can be developed to meet the specific reporting requirements of Local Authorities, including statistics on AP places.





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