

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 003462
Date 12 April 2019

High Needs Funding

Request:

This is a freedom of information request:

How much money was been moved into your High Needs block from:

The schools block / early years block / central services block in 2017-2018?

In each case what is this as a percentage of the relevant block?

[£250,000 from Schools Block \(0.14%\)](#)

Did you have schools forum approval for each move? (not applicable, yes, no) [Yes](#)

What was the overspend / underspend on High Needs in 2017-18? [£1.83 million overspend](#)

How much money has been moved into your High Needs block from:

The schools block / early years block / central services block in 2018-19?

In each case what is this as a percentage of the relevant block?

[£803,000 from Schools Block \(0.44%\)](#)

Did you have schools forum approval for each move? (not applicable, yes, no) [Yes](#)

What is the projected overspend / underspend on High Needs in 2018-19? [£400,000 overspend](#)

How much money is planned to be moved into the High Needs block from:

The schools block / early years block / central services block in 2019-20?

In each case what is this as a percentage of the relevant block?

[£956,000 from Schools Block \(0.5%\)](#)

Did you have schools forum approval for each move? (not applicable, yes, no) [Yes](#)

What is the projected overspend / underspend on High Needs in 2019-20?

[In response to your above question, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at:](#)

- Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.
- The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we are unable to predict at the moment.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

Are you expecting to incur a cumulative DSG deficit of over 1% on March 31, 2019, thus requiring a report to the ESFA/DfE? **No**

Is this due to an overspend on the high needs block? **N/A**

What was the DSG surplus/deficit in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2017-18 in percentage terms?

2014-15 = 0.09% underspend

2015-16 = 0.10% overspend

2017-18 = 0% breakeven