



Subject Heading:

High Needs Funding 2024-25

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SUMMARY

This report provides details of the 2024-25 National Funding Formula allocation for High Needs following the DfE's announcement on 19th December 2023.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Schools Funding Forum:

- (i) notes the Dedicated Schools Grant - High Needs Block formula allocation for financial year 2024-25

REPORT DETAIL

1. High Needs Block National Funding Formula allocation 2024-25

The High Needs Block for 2024-25 is based on the National Funding Formula (NFF) figures released in July 2023 and reported to the Schools Funding Forum at the meeting held on 21st September 2023.

On 19th December 2023, the DfE issued the updated DSG High Needs Block allocation to local authorities.

Funding for 2024-25 through the DSG High Needs Block National Funding Formula:

Funding factor	2024-25		2023-24	Change 2023-24 to 2024-25 final	Change
	Final £	Indicative £	£	£	%
(A) Basic entitlement factor	2,187,440	2,182,364	2,184,830	2,610	0.1%
(B) Historic spend factor	11,194,567	11,194,567	11,194,567	0	0.0%
(C) Population factor	16,844,191	16,844,191	14,827,294	2,016,897	13.6%
(D) FSM factor	2,855,486	2,855,486	2,516,005	339,481	13.5%
(E) IDACI factor	3,002,258	3,002,258	2,656,963	345,295	13.0%
(F) Bad health factor	2,378,191	2,378,191	1,915,753	462,438	24.1%
(G) Disability factor	2,114,552	2,114,552	1,865,226	249,326	13.4%
(H) KS2 low attainment factor	1,954,795	1,954,795	1,550,097	404,698	26.1%
(I) KS4 low attainment factor	2,119,261	2,119,261	1,823,617	295,644	16.2%
(J) Funding floor factor	0	0	0	0	-
(K) Gains limit factor	-29,672	-29,672	0	-29,672	-
(L) Hospital education, AP teachers pay/pension and supplementary funding factor	143,850	143,850	140,718	3,132	2.2%
(M1) Import/export adjustment	-1,830,000	-1,830,000	-1,638,000	-192,000	11.7%
(M2) New and growing special free schools	24,000	24,000	36,000	-12,000	-33.3%
Additional Grant – Autumn Statement	0	0	1,760,760	-1,760,760	-
Total funding	42,958,919	42,953,843	40,833,830	2,125,089	5.2%

It should be noted that the figures shown are before DfE recoupment for the direct funding of academies and other non maintained institutions.

The total increase in high needs funding for 2024-25 of £2.1m should be considered alongside a projected cumulative deficit of £16m in the high needs block at the end of the 2023-24 financial year.