

## Forecast Outturn Position 2023/24 – Schools Forum 25th January 24

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funded activities are currently forecast to **overspend by £1.262m**.

The following table details the main areas of both over and under spend. Many of these budgets are demand led and will be monitored during 23/24 and revisions reported accordingly.

Budget Heading	Budget	Actuals to date	Projected Outturn	Over / (Under) Spend
Early Years 2, 3 & 4 yr old payments – PVI's & Academies	£6.229m	£4.529m	£6.229m	£0k
Early Years – ALFEY	£295k	£190k	£285k	(£10k)
Early Years – Pupil Premium & Disability Access Fund	£158k	£64k	£118k	(£40k)
Early Years – 5% retained element	£383k	£247k	£313k	(£70k)
Joint Funded Placements	£400k	£201k	£240k	(£160k)
Recovery of funding from schools for Excluded Pupils, Medical Tuition Service and Elective Home Education	(£175k)	(£52k)	(£120k)	£55k
Contribution from Health towards EHCP's	(£100k)	(£0k)	(£0k)	£100k
Independent Special School Fees including South Devon College	£3.330m	£2.536m	£3.655m	£325k
Other packages for EHCP pupils and SEND personal budgets	£1.588m	£1.327m	£1.848m	£260k
Payments to / recoupment from other authorities for mainstream and Special School places	(£128k)	(£70k)	(£150k)	(£22k)
Medical Tuition Service	£1.070m	£905k	£920k	(£150k)
Virtual School / Hospital Tuition / Vulnerable Students Team	£519k	£347k	£475k	(£44k)
Refund from Medical Tuition Service from underspend during 22/23		(£200k)	(£200k)	(£200k)
School contingencies (Planned pupil growth, NQT induction etc)	£70k	£62k	£69k	(£1k)
EHCP in-year adjustments (see separate paper for details)	£539k	£620k	£632k	£93k
Special Schools / High Needs in-year adjustments (see separate paper for details)	£400k	£354k	£375k	(£25k)
School Intervention / Commissioning	£48k	£22k	£28k	(£20k)
Business Support / Business Intelligence	£240k	£180k	£240k	£0k
Senior Management, Central Recharges, Admissions, EAL / Travellers, SACRE,	£586k	£461k	£523k	(£63k)
Visually impaired / Hearing impaired / Advisory Teachers	£166k	£100k	£137k	(£29k)
Deficit DSG budget set for 23/24	(£1.263m)			£1.263m
<b>Total – Forecast Outturn Position 23/24</b>				<b>£1.262m</b>

This represents an increased position of £224K from November 2023. This position continues to dependent upon the referrals and demands within the system which are being carefully managed through appropriate governance.





Education, Health & Care Plan Funding for 22/23 & 23/24 - Schools Forum 25/1/24			
	22/23	23/24	Increase / (Decrease)
Number of pupils with EHCP	512	556	44.00
Number of FTE's with EHCP	463	490	27.00
	£	£	£
Funding below £6k allocated through school formula elements	2,774,332	2,939,171	164,839
Funding above £6k allocated as a top-up per eligible pupil	2,967,540	3,290,903	323,363
EHCP Contingency	550,000	538,500	(11,500)
<b>In-Year adjustments</b>			
April	133,189	106,783	(26,406)
May	97,442	(783)	(98,225)
June	65,574	80,221	14,647
July	116,471	58,835	(57,636)
August	221,556	273,431	51,875
September	35,796	(8,661)	(44,457)
October	(33,353)	58,954	92,307
November	44,883	20,996	(23,887)
December	10,002	30,488	20,486
January	(1,109)	(1,109)	0
February	14,470	14,470	0
March	(2,068)	(2,068)	0
<b>Total - In-Year adjustments</b>	<b>702,853</b>	<b>631,557</b>	
<b>Projected (underspend) / overspend</b>	<b>152,853</b>	<b>93,057</b>	
<b>Notes</b>			
Based on April - December 23 in-year adjustments, and assuming the same as 22/23 for the remaining months.		<b>93,057</b>	

The two areas of significant change that are within the report are

- The recoument figure from other Local Authorities has now been worked through with neighbouring authorities as we reach the year end dates. The figure has been adjusted by £178k compared to previous reporting.
- There has been an increase of £60k against other packages of support and provision. This represents the work that we are conducting to meet needs and provide provision in line with the plans.

In line with our safety valve work we continue to review provision against need and will reduce spend for children and young people through appropriate ceasing and adjustments to funding provided to plans.

The work conducted to drive down spend is described in the Safety Valve Progress Report. The overall DSG position is a position in line with our DSG Management Plan, however there remains significant volatility in the budget.

## Overall Position

The 23/24 forecast year end overspend projection for DSG is **£1.262m**.

The cumulative deficit on the DSG is £12.660m before ESFA funding, £5.950m after ESFA Safety Valve Funding.

## Recommendation and Decision

The School Forum note the financial position of the Local Area DSG budget.

Review the Safety Valve update report and make recommendations to ensure future progress enables the budget position to be held and improved during the financial year.

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