

## 8.4 POST 16 SEND PROJECTIONS

Finance Note



In 2014 Local Authorities' requirement to fund education for High Needs pupils was extended to 0 to 25 years. The increase in costs associated with this extended obligation has increasingly become visible in the pressures on post 16 funding within the High Needs Block budget.

The High Needs Block is part of Plymouth's Dedicated Schools Grant allocation. For the 2018/19 financial year the total funding received was £29.249m. The provisional 2019/20 allocation is £29.504m.

The calculation of the High Needs Block includes population and needs based factors in an attempt to fund demand on councils. However:

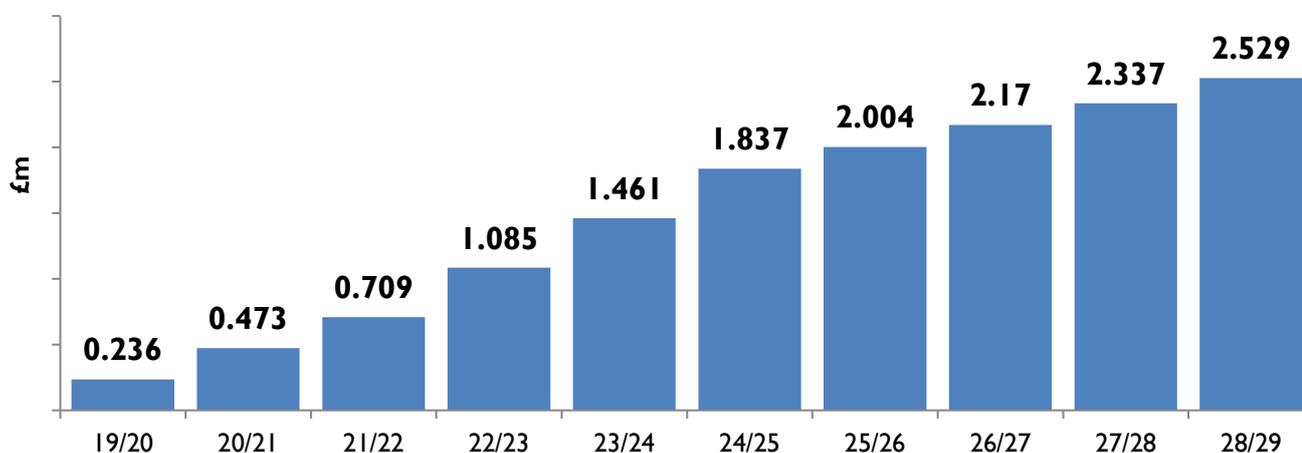
- 44% (£13m) of Plymouth's funding is based on historic spend figures and as such this portion of funding is not responsive to escalating post-16 costs and demands.
- The calculation has no way of capturing the increased demand at post-16 brought about by increased awareness and take-up of the offer.
- The majority of data used for calculation of factors focuses on the profile of pre-16 pupils such as FSM.

The Local Authority has modelled projections of the future demand and associated costs pressures on the High Needs Block over the next 10 years. These figures show the cumulative increase from the current position. The LA anticipates an increased pressure of over £1m within the next 4 years, if funding is not increased.

These projections include increases to top-up funding, place funding through increased commissioning and transport costs. Figures produced are based on a series of assumptions, the actual demand and pressures that will be experienced in the future will differ from these.

19/20 £m	20/21 £m	21/22 £m	22/23 £m	23/24 £m	24/25 £m	25/26 £m	26/27 £m	27/28 £m	28/29 £m
0.236	0.473	0.709	1.085	1.461	1.837	2.004	2.170	2.337	2.529

**Cumulative increase in Post 16 High Needs cost pressures  
2019/20 to 2028/29 (£m)**



**HIGH NEED BLOCK ALLOCATION - FORMULA AND EXPLANATIONS**

High Needs Block Allocations Calculation	Plymouth 18/19	Plymouth 19/20	Increase / (Decrease)	Notes
<b>Basic entitlement factor (9%)</b>	£2,608,000	£2,608,000	£0	£4000 x Special School pupils (652 - includes Courtlands)
<b>Historic spend factor (44%)</b>	£13,003,156	£12,706,156	(£297,000)	Locked in historic spend
<b>Population factor (20%)</b>	£5,801,167	£5,856,977	£55,810	£1.3bn is distributed nationally based on local population (The total local authority age 2-18 population projection for mid-2019 as published by ONS). This is a £55k increase on prior year, for a population increase of 365.
<b>FSM factor (5%)</b>	£1,458,585	£1,437,538	(£21,047)	£275m allocated nationally based on number of FSM pupils (Jan 18 Census)
<b>IDACI factor (5%)</b>	£1,440,256	£1,466,742	£26,486	£275m allocated nationally based on IDACI populations (mid-2016 populations)
<b>Bad health factor (4%)</b>	£1,025,385	£1,043,202	£17,817	£206m allocated nationally based on the number of children in each local authority identified as having bad or very bad health (2011 census)
<b>Disability factor (5%)</b>	£1,373,772	£1,376,227	£2,455	£206m allocated nationally based on the number of children in each local authority identified as receiving disability living allowance (DLA) as at November 2017
<b>KS2 low attainment factor (3%)</b>	£967,801	£974,032	£6,231	£206m allocated nationally based on the total number of pupils resident in each local authority not attaining level 3 in the KS2 reading test in the years 2013-2015, and the number of pupils resident in the local authority area who did not attain a scaled score in the 2016-2017 KS2 reading test, or who weren't entered into the test due to being below the standard or unable to access the test
<b>KS4 low attainment factor (3%)</b>	£983,900	£1,005,428	£21,528	£206m allocated nationally based on the total number of pupils resident in each local authority not attaining five or more A* to G

				grades in the years 2013 to 2016 plus the total number of pupils resident in each local authority in the lowest 5% of attainers nationally for 2017.
<b>Funding floor factor (0%)</b>	£238,991	£49,750	(£189,241)	Protection against large losses year on year.
<b>Hospital education funding (2%)</b>	£0	£632,260	£632,260	Missed out last year (but additional costs came through other factors that offset it so no real loss of funding).
<b>NFF allocation before provisional import/export adjustment (100%)</b>	£28,901,013	<b>£29,156,311</b>	£255,298	
<b>Import/export adjustment (provisional) (1.2%)</b>	£348,000	£348,000	£0	The difference between the number of high needs pupils from other LA's in Plymouth schools (excludes AP), versus the number Plymouth sends out to other areas x £6k each. (Paper on this is going to forum in October - this is an area that needs consideration of how to maximise income.)
<b>2019-20 high needs NFF provisional allocation after calculation of gain on 2017-18 baseline up to 6.09% per head</b>	£29,249,013	<b>£29,504,311</b>	£255,298	
<b>Deductions made from this amount (paid directly by ESFA):</b>				
Place funding for Academy support units @ £6k occupied place or £10k unoccupied place				(£802,497)
Place funding for Post 16 EHCP pupils at Academies				(£656,000)
Courtlands Place Funding (75*£10k)				(£750,000)
ACE Place Funding (230*£10k)				(£2,300,000)
Post 16 Mainstream Place Funding				(£24,000)
ACE Hospital Education Funding				(£625,940)
Commissioned Places at FE colleges/Post 16 Providers				(£1,172,000)
<b>Total left to distribute by Plymouth City Council</b>				<b>£22,918,576</b>