

SEND: Funding Proposals



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Task & Finish Group: the task

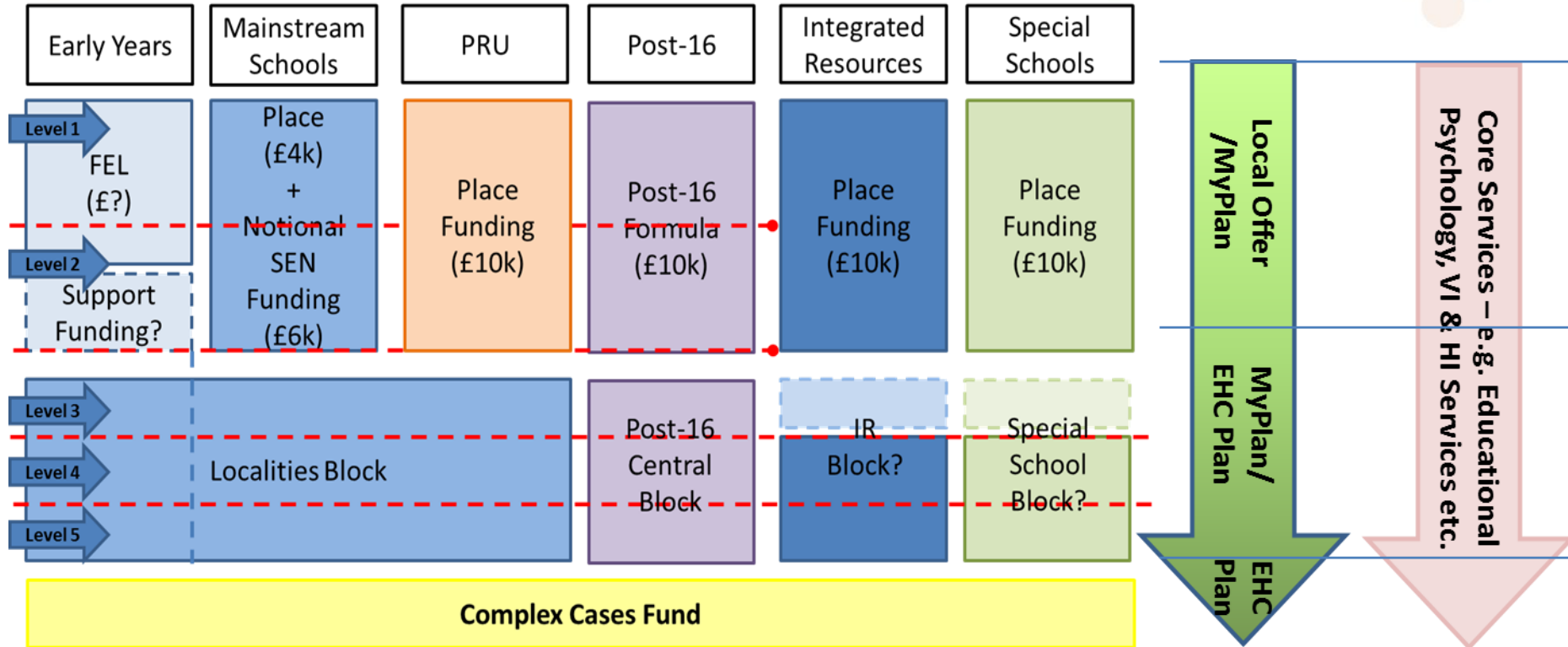
To address the £3.8m DSG pressure by developing:

- an interim solution to control rising costs within the existing Banded Funding system; and
- a new approach to allocating high needs funding from April 2016 that supports implementation of the SEND reforms.

Decisions made by the T&F Group:

- Must not be a “cuts agenda” – don’t want to apply a MFG reduction
- Agreed a “Trickle Down” model – appropriate placements/appropriate support
- Needs to be a strategic approach – including a greater range of provision (“Hubs”)
- The new system needs to be transparent and accountable
- Needs a consistent and equitable approach in all settings
- Funding must always follow the pupil/student
- Needs to be a locality-based solution - local decisions, local accountability
- Don’t want to reduce – at this stage – amounts for Bands C and D

High Needs Funding: Draft Future Model: April 2016



- Locality Based Model, supported by Special Schools
- Descriptors of Need and Provision Matrix supported by use of “My Plan”
- Parity across the system underpinned by strong accountability
- Funding follows the pupil/student

Some Key Questions

- What is the organisational model – e.g. is it based on localities A-F?
- How do we agree the funding for each locality?
- How do we support schools within localities to work together?
- How quickly can we move to the new approach?
- What is the impact on special schools' capacity & skills of supporting most complex?
- Do we need to re-consider the current distribution of SEN Notional Funding?
- How do we develop the workforce to be confident in delivering support?
- How do we release funding in the system to create the Complex Cases Fund?

If we agree the model is right, then we now need to do the detailed design work to answer these and other questions

Example Locality Budget

Locality	Current Banding	Proportion of locality Fund
A	£286,500	13.58%
B	£458,000	21.72%
C	£185,000	8.77%
D	£367,000	17.40%
E	£153,500	7.28%
F	£477,000	22.62%
G	£182,000	8.63%
Total	£2,109,000	100.00%

Example Locality Budget: Could also Include...

Locality	Current Banding	10% Contribution by Schools *	Transport	Total Locality Funding	Proportion of locality Fund
A	£286,500	£609,984	£508,000	£1,404,484	13.70%
B	£458,000	£1,099,819	£675,000	£2,232,819	21.78%
C	£185,000	£447,792	£672,000	£1,304,792	12.73%
D	£367,000	£728,113	£518,000	£1,613,113	15.73%
E	£153,500	£471,961	£433,000	£1,058,461	10.32%
F	£477,000	£743,070	£466,000	£1,686,070	16.45%
G	£182,000	£344,029	£427,000	£953,029	9.30%
Total	£2,109,000	£4,444,767	£3,699,000	£10,252,767	100.00%

* 10% of notional SEN budget

Localities Model: will also include MAST resources and devolved PRU Funding as part of the package

Banded Funding Options: Sept 2015 – March 2016

Preferred: Family or locality of schools agree to work together to manage new pressures within existing resources.

In agreeing to do so, schools will re-assess their existing BF cases over the autumn term using new criteria to identify efficiencies and increase capacity (total funding: £2.1m)

- LA develops SLA for schools to use
- Schools use SLA to agree local protocols
- LA provides small pump-prime fund to facilitate administration of each family/locality – funding to be identified
- LA provides EP time to assist in re-assessment work and Special Schools provide support
- LA and schools work together to continue to develop satellite hubs model
- Develop matrix of best practice to overlay revised descriptors of learner need

Alternative: Reduce existing funding (no Quartile Cap)

All Schools funding reduced to enable support to be provided to 150 new BF applications from Sept 2015 – Mar 2016.

New BF pot: £440,000

Funded by reducing existing funding:
Band A to £1,250 and Band B to £2,500

Funding Reduction per locality (Sept – Mar):

Locality	Reduction	Average per school
A	£56,438	£2,687
B	£97,125	£4,223
C	£71,250	£2,598
D	£70,437	£2,609
E	£29,312	£1,832
F	£80,937	£2,248
G	£33,687	£1,604

Average reduction per school:
Primary: £2,188 Secondary: £4,308

Highest school reduction: £14,000
Lowest school reduction: £438

(15 schools with no banded pupils)

Localities: Numbers per Band

Locality	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band I*	Total
A	53	38	7	1	0	99
B	64	79	12	1	0	156
C	31	32	4	1	0	68
D	59	51	10	1	0	121
E	25	21	8	0	0	54
F	67	59	19	0	1	146
G	33	22	6	0	1	62
Total	332	302	66	4	2	706

*Band I not included in funding calculations

Numbers of SEN Support/Statemented by Locality (2015)

Locality	Details of Locality	SEN Support Pupils	Statemented Pupils	Total Pupil Numbers
A	Parson Cross and Ecclesfield	2,098	117	8,703
B	Firth Park, Southey, Burngreave, Shiregreen and Brightside	2,673	92	11,106
C	Arbourthorne, Manor and Darnall	1,887	97	7,053
D	Mosborough, Beighton, Woodhouse, Handsworth and Birley	2,363	170	11,605
E	Gleadless, Graves Park, Beauchief and Greenhill	1,337	103	7,355
F	Crookes, Nether Edge, Fulwood, Ecclesall, Dore and Totley	2,671	263	15,283
G	Stannington, Stocksbridge and Upper Don, West and East Ecclesfield	1,270	128	7,397
Total		14,299	970	68,502

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Total numbers of SEN Support and Statemented Pupils = 22.3% of all pupils.

Sept 2015 – March 2016 Options: For Discussion

- By when do schools have to choose an option (e.g. - 2nd week in Sept)?
- Alternative model: does it risk reducing future locality funding allocation?
- Alternative model: does it create a perverse incentive to over-identify new cases?
- If an individual school in a family/locality doesn't want to pursue the preferred option do they default to the alternative option? (Yes)
- At what point does the alternative option cease to be viable if most schools opt for the preferred option?

