

NCC-038778-19 Supported employment

Dear Requester,

Further to your request for information under the freedom of information act. Please see below in response to each question.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I'm writing to you on behalf of the British Association for Supported Employment (BASE) for the following information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to enable BASE to gauge the levels of local authority expenditure on supported employment services and supported internships across England and Wales.

Supported employment is the term for high quality, personalised support for people with disabilities and/or disadvantages which enables them to seek, access and retain employment in the open labour market. It is a "place, train and maintain" approach that does not rely on long periods of pre-vocational training or a basic level of qualification or experience.

Supported Internships are a form of study programme delivered by colleges and schools. They are generally funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency but local authorities can contribute funding through Element 3 funds.

1. What was your local authority's actual expenditure in 2017-18, 2018-19 and what is the budgeted expenditure in 2019-20 on
 - a) Supported Employment services and
 - b) on supported internship provision?

	Supported Employment	Supported Internships
2017-18 expenditure	£306282	c£150k
2018-19 expenditure	£316559	c£200k
Budgeted 2019-20 expenditure	£415576	c£250k

The figures provided on SI expenditure are estimates because they have historically been included in the overall High Needs (Element 3) claims made by educational providers and not always identified separately. We are also aware that what some providers have been describing as SIs have been in reality extended work experience programmes but we are working with our providers to address this. We have used £10k as a proxy E3 cost. Please note that for

2019/20 we are supporting our providers to claim Access to Work funding so, while we hope to extend the SI footprint, we anticipate that expenditure may actually reduce as A2W income is offset against E3 expenditure

2. Can any resident in your authority area be referred to Supported Employment provision or is access restricted to only those people who are receiving services through adult social care?

Support provided for individuals in the open labour market is for those who reside in Nottinghamshire and have a learning disability, autism or Asperger's.

3. On what did your authority spend the 2018-19 Department for Education [Preparation for Employment Grant](#)?

Nottinghamshire County Council used part of the Grant to procure external consultancy support to engage employers and support provider capacity building/Quality Assurance. We have also funded a first wave of Job Coach TSI training and the programme will be run again early in the next academic year (some of the Grant was carried over for this purpose). An FE Forum has already been established and we are looking to extend this to a broader SI Forum next year. We also hope to generate some promotional literature and display materials and have a celebration event - with our interns - towards the end of the next academic year. In Nottinghamshire the Grant will be used in full in accordance with the conditions of funding letter. We have set a target of 100+ SI Placements by September 2022.

We trust this now resolves your enquiry, however should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

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Kind Regard

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