

Nottinghamshire County Council Early Years Funding proposals 2017/18

Presentation to Schools Forum Appendix 1

Nottinghamshire Early Years DSG Block Allocations 2016/17

	Description	Value £	
		2016/17	
	Early Years Places:		
A.	DSG Early Years Maintained	13,433,733	
B.	PVI & Academies Early Years 3 & 4 Yr Olds	13,835,719	
C.	Early Years 2 Year Olds	5,757,912	
D.	Early Years Pupil Premium	525,231	
	Sub total		33,552,595
E.	Families Information Service	93,985	
F.	Inclusion General	402,369	
G.	Pre-School Learning Alliance Grants	27,672	
H.	Tolney Lane	77,825	
	Sub total		601,581
I.	Schools Forum	3,930	
J.	Schools ICT Projects	10,602	
K.	Joint Use Schools Budget	45,976	
L.	Pensions Schools Budget	33,943	
M.	External Residential Schools Budget	61,145	
N.	Educational Psychology Service General	121,622	
	Sub total		277,218
	Total		34,431,394

A. DSG Early Years Maintained

£13,433,000

This is the universal free entitlement to early education for all three and four year olds which commences at the start of the term following their third birthday. Payments are based on actual participation rates of children accessing early education in maintained schools for 15 hours per week, over **39** weeks of the year. The take up rate is 100% of eligible children. The funding is paid at **£3.90** per hour, as it is spread over 1 more week per year than PVI provision. The funding is paid to the school in an annual per pupil unit, with adjustments made following the January census.

A. PVI & Academies Early Years 3 & 4 Yr. Olds

£13,835,000

This is the universal free entitlement to early education for all three and four year olds which commences at the start of the term following their third birthday. Payments are based on actual participation rates of children accessing early education in private, voluntary and independent (PVI) settings and academies, for 15 hours per week, over **38** weeks of the year. PVI settings include day nurseries, pre-schools and playgroups, childminders and independent schools. The take-up rate is 98% of eligible children. The funding is paid at **£4.00** per hour, as it is spread over 1 week less per year than maintained provision. The funding is paid based on the hourly rate and the actual hours attended per child, following an estimate of the number of children expected to attend at the beginning of each term. This is then adjusted later in the term with a balance payment, based on the number of children present at the termly headcount.

B. Early Years 2 Yr Olds

£5,757,000

Disadvantaged two year olds, who meet the national eligibility criteria, are entitled to 15 hours of free early education from the start of the term following their second birthday. Payments are based on actual participation rates of children accessing early education in schools and PVI settings, for 15 hours per week, over **38** weeks of the year. The take-up rate is 72% of eligible children. The funding is paid at **£5.09** per hour across all types of setting. The funding is paid based on the hourly rate and the actual hours attended per child, following an estimate of the number of children expected to attend at the beginning of each term. This is then adjusted later in the term with a balance payment, based on the number of children present at the termly headcount.

C. Early Years Pupil Premium

£525,000

Early Years Pupil Premium was introduced in 2015 to help to narrow the attainment gap between disadvantaged three and four year olds and their peers. Payments are made following an on-line eligibility check. The whole amount is paid to the provider in one payment, which is just over £300 for a child attending for their full 15 hour free entitlement. The effectiveness of how EYPP is used in an individual school or setting is monitored by Ofsted on inspection. The amount in the DSG for EYPP is based on participation.

D. Families Information Service

£94,000

Every LA is required to have a Families information Service, as outlined in the Childcare Act 2006, to meet the information and sufficiency statutory duties. The money for FIS in the DSG relates to the forerunner to DSG, namely Individual Schools Budget (ISB) (non-schools). The budget line here was transferred into the ISB from the children's Social Services budget, as a retained function, when the registration and inspection of childcare transferred to OFSTED in 2001. The FIS is now delivered on a contractual basis through Inspire. The amount charged to DSG is based on actual spend, rather than the previous nominal budget allocation.

E. Inclusion General £402,000

This is a part cost of Early Years inclusion services delivered by the Specialist Family Support Service (SFSS). The funding pays for staff/Teaching Assistant costs for setting and home visits by Special Educational Needs TA's to support disabled children. This was formally a contribution to SFSS from the General Sure Start Budget, which ended in 2010/11. The total SFSS spend is £1.1m. This funding supports 19.4 TA's working with SEND children.

F. Pre-School Learning Alliance Grants £27,000

This budget was part of the ISB (non-schools) as a retained function from the NCC Children's Social Services Under Eight's department and paid to the Pre-School Learning Alliance (PSLA) to administer as small grants to pre-schools. There is no spend against this budget for 16/17, as there is no longer a contractual agreement with PSLA. The resultant underspend would be added to Schools Forum Reserves if not allocated as part of this proposal.

G. Tolney Lane £78,000

This fund was allocated since 2005 when a pre-school was developed on the Tolney Lane Gypsy, Roma and Traveller site in Newark and Sherwood. There is no longer used a pre-school on the site and children are now accessing early years places at a local school. The budget continues to be transferred to just one school who originally employed a family liaison worker. This worker is no longer in place. There are no similar arrangements elsewhere in county for traveller children in early years. This budget could cease from 2017/18.

H. Schools ICT Projects (Not Applicable in 2017/18)

£11,000

This is the last year of this contract – therefore this contribution is not required for 2017/18

I. **Joint Use Schools Budget (Not Applicable in 2017/18)** **£46,000**

This is an historical contribution for secondary schools that share space with leisure centres. 1 contract is now completed in 2016/17. 3 will continue in 2017/18

J. **Pensions Schools Budget (Not Applicable in 2017/18)** **£34,000**

This is a contribution of ongoing pension enhancement and redundancy payments for school staff. Total budget is £1.0 million.

K. **External Residential Schools Budget (Not Applicable in 2017/18)** **£61,000**

This is a contribution to the boarding element of non-maintained special schools for Looked After Children. Total budget is £0.575 million

L. **Educational Psychology Service General (Not Applicable in 2017/18)** **£122,000**

This is a contribution to the total service costs of £1.200 million. The service is for school aged children.

M. **Schools Forum (Not Applicable in 2017/18)** **£4,000**

Contribution to service Schools Forum.

Early Years Funding Proposals for 2017/18

Description	Current Value £		Proposed Value £	
	2016/17		2017/18	
Early Years Places:		Subtotal: 33,552,595		Subtotal: 42,195,200
DSG Early Years Maintained	13,433,733		35,662,739	
PVI & Academies Early Years 3 & 4 Yr Olds	13,835,719			
Early Years 2 Year Olds	5,757,912		6,007,230	
Early Years Pupil Premium	525,231		525,231	
Early Years DSG spend:		Subtotal: 601,851		Subtotal: 728,746
Families Information Service	93,985		93,985	
Inclusion General	402,369		556,936	
Pre-School Learning Alliance Grants*	27,672		0	
Tolney Lane*	77,825		77,825	
Early Years DSG contribution to Central Budgets:		Subtotal: 273,681		Subtotal: 0
Schools Forum	393		0	
Schools ICT Projects	10,602		0	
Joint Use Schools Budget	45,976		0	
Pensions Schools Budget	33,943		0	
External Residential Schools Budget	61,145		0	
Educational Psychology Service General	121,622		0	
New Early Years proposals				Subtotal: 406,413
Early Years Staffing and on costs	0		388,686	
Early Years non-staffing costs	0		17,727	
Total		34,428,127		43,330,360

*Some uncertainty as to whether this expenditure is required in 2017/18

NB

- All proposed early years places funding is indicative and is based on current spend. This allocation varies based on census data bi annually.
- Nottinghamshire County Council does not yet know the funding rate or allocation for 17/18 – but anticipate an uplift from the recent DfE consultation exercise.
- NCC core funding is currently used to fund all early years activities across Nottinghamshire. This includes all early years staffing and the Children Centre services contract worth £10million and a further £1 million for children centre premises.
- The proposals above include funding for existing posts and functions that meet the requirements of DSG in terms of early years; as well as a 0.5FTE to increase an existing early years project officer to 1FTE to provide additional capacity to fulfil new duties including the roll out of 30 hours free childcare a week for 3 and 4 year olds of working parents.