

**NCC-047187-20 Special Educational Needs & Disability Funding Allocation**

Dear Requester,

Further to your request for information under the freedom of information act, we can confirm that the HLN bandings did increase for the 2020-21 financial year. Prior to this, and for the financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20, the bandings were as follows:

A copy of the 2020-21 funding booklet is published on Nottinghamshire’s SEND Local Offer. It can be found by searching “SEN Support. This then opens a page which includes a series of drop downs, one of which is entitled “Funding for Special Educational Needs”. This has an embedded link to the booklet on High Needs Funding for Nottinghamshire Schools. For expediency I have provided a quick link below:

[https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/nottinghamshire/fsd/files/high\\_needs\\_funding\\_for\\_nottinghamshire\\_mainstream\\_schools\\_2020-21.pdf](https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/nottinghamshire/fsd/files/high_needs_funding_for_nottinghamshire_mainstream_schools_2020-21.pdf)

I believe that the content of the booklet should I believe provide most of the information that is being sought.

The rest is set out below.

Funding Element		Funding bands / amounts			
3	High Needs Block (administered centrally by the LA)	Top-up funding (AFN, HLN)	Levels	6 High (HLN 3)	£19,000
				5 Medium (HLN 2)	£15,000
				4 Low (HLN 1)	£10,000
				3 AFN High	£6,000 - £8,000
				2 AFN Medium	£4,000 - £6,000
				1 AFN Low	£2,000 - £4,000
2	Funding delegated to schools	Notional SEN budget	Up to £6,000 per pupil		
1		Basic entitlement			

We trust this now resolves your enquiry and where we have not been able to provide details we expect that this information is not held by Nottinghamshire county Council at this time.

We suggest all requesters search under our publication scheme in advance of requesting information under the freedom of information act.

Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR, s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link)

<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords. i.e. un regulated / care / home etc.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or email [complaints@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:complaints@nottscc.gov.uk) .

Kind Regards

Complaints and Information Team

Nottinghamshire County Council

County Hall

**Request for Information: Special Educational Needs & Disability – Top-Up & High Needs Banding Allocations**

I would like to request the following information:

- A copy of the Council's current operational guidance for SEND High Needs Funding allocation (a URL to current policy document would be fine);
- Information that describes “banding” or “element” arrangements that the Council uses to guide its allocation of High Needs Block funding;
- Information showing the maximum High Needs or Top-Up funding allocation (in pounds) that each specific band or element attracts in the current academic year (2020-21);
- Information showing the maximum High Needs or Top-Up funding allocation (in pounds) that each specific band or element attracted for each of the last two academic years (2018-19 and 2019-20).
- If funding allocations for each band/element in 2020-21 are identical to those in 2018-19 and/or 2019-20, please say so.
- If it is more efficient for you to provide these allocations based on financial years rather than academic years, please use financial years instead.
- If the Council has changed its banding arrangements during the 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 periods, please provide information showing the previous banding arrangements as well as the current ones.

Please feel free to get in touch if you need any further clarification of this request.