

SCHOOLS FORUM – 15TH MARCH 2017**HIGH NEEDS NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA AND OTHER REFORMS –
CONSULTATION STAGE 2****Key Points**

- 1,075 responses to the Stage 1 consultation.
- No LA will lose out in funding.
- LA's to continue to receive HN's DSG.
- Gains of up to 3% for the next 2 years for those that are underfunded.
- With agreement of Schools Forum and the majority of maintained / academies primary / secondary schools LA's will be able to deploy some funding for schools for high needs purposes.
- Allocations based on 2005 – 2006 spending patterns.
- 7 principles proposed in Stage 1:
 - Support Opportunity
 - Be Fair
 - Be efficient
 - Get funding to the frontline
 - Be transparent
 - Be simple
 - Be predictable
- Proxy measures to be used as an assessment of need.
- Factors to be used
 - Population 2 – 18
 - Low Attainment
 - Health and Disability
 - Deprivation
 - A basic per pupil entitlement
 - Plus an Area Cost Adjustment (Hybrid method)
- Resource Base Provision – a new method of funding is proposed, we might need to look how we deal with this provision.
- Funding of Independent Special Schools – Stage 1 proposed moving to “per place” and “top up” system. This has been removed and funding approach will remain the same.

- LA's due to gain will get the increase in full by 2018-19. In the Y & H region 13 out of 15 LA's will gain.
- Indicative figures for NELC are:

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	£m	£m	£m
HNB indicative allocation (prior to recoupment)	17.110	17.296	17.635*

Note - * allocation if HN NFF fully implemented

- Special Schools – no changes to the current funding mechanism proposed.
- AP Funding – Schools to have more responsibility in future for commissioning AP that is required for their pupils to be accompanied by accountability for pupils educational attainment while they are in AP.
- Changes to SEN and disability funding for Colleges / other FE Institutions two suggested changes proposed during the Phase 1 consultation around the level of the “per place” funding to be put on hold.

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