

Response to Request for Information

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Date 31 October 2016

Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) – Grant Spend

Request:

In 2014, the government made changes to the Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) framework through the Children & Families Act. Subsequently, the Department for Education (DfE) has provided a financial grant to help local authorities implement these reforms. Details of these grants can be found here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-implementation-grant-allocations-by-local-authority/send-implementation-local-allocation> and here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-reform-funding-for-local-authorities-2016-to-2017>

I would be grateful if you could provide me with a breakdown of how this SEND reform implementation grant has been allocated internally within your council?

You have kindly already issued information on council payments to external suppliers that have been funded through this grant – this data can be found in your monthly / quarterly transparency data releases on council spending. There is no need to provide this information again.

However, I would be grateful if you could describe the allocation of the remainder of the grant in each financial year (2014-2015; 2015-2016; 2016 to date), split by each business unit two levels below assistant director level, with a brief description of the purpose to which the grant was used.

[In response to your request, please find our response below:](#)

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SEND REFORM GRANT- ALLOCATED INTERNALLY WITHIN CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Financial year	Assistant Director	Business Unit level 1	Business Unit level 2	£'s	Brief Description of the purpose to which the grant was used
2014/15	Education	Standards and Vulnerable Pupils	Parent / Partnership Service	19,300	Staff costs for Parent engagement/consultation on local SEN offer - Information and Advice team.
2014/15	Disability & Mental Health	Mental Health Commissioning	SEND Reform Grant	140,020	Special Educational Needs in-year efficiencies.
			TOTAL SPEND FINANCIAL YEAR 2014/15	159,320	
2015/16	Education	Special Educational Needs	Special Education Needs Team	140,020	Staff costs for Education, Health and Care plan conversions.
2015/16	Education	Standards and Vulnerable Pupils	Parent / Partnership Service	1,830	Staff costs for Parent engagement/consultation on local SEN offer - Information and Advice team.
			TOTAL SPEND FINANCIAL YEAR 2015/16	141,850	
2016/17	Education	Special Educational Needs	Special Education Needs Team	250,000	Staff costs for Education, Health and Care plan conversions.
2016/17	Education	Standards and Vulnerable Pupils	Parent / Partnership Service	10,000	Staff costs for Parent engagement/consultation on local SEN offer - Information and Advice team.
			TOTAL BUDGET FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/17	260,000	