

High Needs Block Update

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Areas of Challenge

- £34m HNB deficit in Wiltshire

Good News

- Transformation reserve of £1.6m has been made available
- This will support the development of roles and capacity to undertake the work associated with the Delivering Better Value (DBV) programme
- Delay agreed for DBV to summer 2023 – this will enable key positions and capacity to be in place to align to the timetable for this piece of work.

Good News

- Additional funds made available to fund the minimum funding guarantee (MFG) for special schools
- £2.9m additional HNB – consideration of early intervention approaches to utilise this
- Extension to the override for HNB deficit from central Government for a further 3 years
- Investment request/growth bid to be considered by cabinet to reflect the significant and ongoing growth within SEND