

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

SCHOOLS FORUM

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Banding Moderation and Planned Places 2012-13

Purpose of the Report

1. To present the results of the banding moderation and planned places exercise for Special Schools, Enhanced Learning Provision (ELP) and Resource Bases.
2. To present the revised formulae for Resource Bases for Hearing Impaired and Physically Impaired pupils and the associated financial implications.

Background

3. Over the past three years the processes of the banding moderation and strategic planning for the number of places in a range of special schools and resource bases have been improved and developed. The improvements have been built upon close joint working with head teachers of these provisions and are also one of the recommendations of the SEN Review carried out in 2010.
4. Banding moderation and planned places processes have now been established for the full range of specialist provision in Wiltshire. Each type of specialist provision follows the same principles and operational models.
5. Each year the financial outcomes of the above processes are presented to Schools' Forum. Additional developments or actions for the future may also be highlighted. This report provides this information about each type of provision, the overall summary and the financial implications.

Main Considerations

Enhanced Learning Provision

6. The moderation took place on 11th November 2011. All secondary schools were represented. This year the moderation process was observed by Andre Mitch from DFE.

Outcome

7. The total number of ELP 1 for 2012/13 is 253 (down from 2011/12 by 13 places)
8. The total number of ELP 2 for 2012/13 is 88 (increase of 1 place from 2011/12)

Financial implications

9. The overall financial impact is a reduction in cost by £0.100m. The detailed impact for individual schools is shown in the Appendix 1

Special Schools

10. The moderation took place on 11/12th November 2011. All head teachers of special schools were represented. This year the moderation process was observed by Ben Bryant from DFE.
11. The Local Authority had individual discussions with each special school about the number of planned places for 2012/13.

Planned places

12. It is recommended for the overall number of planned places in all of Wiltshire special schools is increased by 1 place:

Springfields – increase by 1 place - from 69 to 70 places
Downland – no change – 69 places including 22 residential
Rowdeford – no change – 130 places including 23 residential
Larkrise – no change – 85 places
Exeter House – no change – 99 places
St Nicholas – no change -72 places

Banding Moderation

13. School by school breakdown is shown in appendix 2

Financial implication for both planned places and banding moderation

14. Special schools place funding will increase by £0.100m in 2012/13
15. Residential funding will decrease by £0.018m.
16. Downlands transitional protection will reduce by £0.097m.
17. The overall special schools quantum for 2012/13 will therefore reduce by £0.015m compared to 2011/12.
18. Detailed change in funding is shown in the Appendix 3

Additional actions

19. One school (Rowdeford) is showing a reduction in funding for 2012/13 of £85,867; this represents 3.7% of the overall schools budget. This is the third year in succession of reduction in funding for the school. Initial modelling indicates that this reduction may be partly offset by the minimum funding guarantee (assumed -1.5%) giving a net change of £51,103.

Resource bases

20. This is the first year that the full year effect of the formula changes for complex needs, ASD and S&L Resource Bases will apply.
21. Formula changes for Hearing Impairment and Physical impairment Resource Bases have now been developed in line with the other resource bases and are presented to Schools' Forum to be agreed and be applied to them from September 2012

Resource Bases – Complex Needs

22. The banding moderation took place on 4 November 2011. All schools were represented at the moderation meeting. Subsequently the Local Authority communicated with individual schools with regard to a number of planned places for 2012/13. Please note, the original protection of funding for each resource base according to their capacity numbers is due to end and from September 2012 numbers of places need to be agreed via the planned places process. At the time of the moderation 51% of all places were taken up.

Planned places

23. It is recommended that the overall number of planned places is reduced by 19. As a result of this reduction the overall occupancy level has increased to 79%.

Banding moderation

24. Appendix 4 sets out the detailed breakdown of the moderation results

Financial implications

25. The overall quantum required in 2012/13 to fund the complex needs resources bases is £0.064m less than in 2011/12.

Additional actions

26. Schools raised concerns about the level of funding generated through the current formula. The Local Authority and schools representatives agreed to re-consider the current formula. The outcomes of this work will be reported back to Schools Forum in the Autumn 2012
27. In view of significant capacity issues the Local Authority will investigate options for a change of the type of special educational needs for some of the resource bases.

Resource bases - Communication and Interaction (ASD)

28. The banding moderation took place on 14 October 2011. All schools attended the moderation meeting.

Planned places

29. There is no recommendation to change the number of planned places for any of the three resource bases

Banding moderation

30. Appendix 4 sets out the detailed breakdown of the moderation results

Financial implications

31. The overall quantum required in 2012/13 to fund the ASD bases is £0.048m more than in 2011/12. This includes a change to the needs led formula, see below.

Additional actions

32. It is recommended for Schools Forum to consider an amendment to the funding formula. The proposed change reflects an increase from 30 to 33 hours of TA cover. The additional TA time is required to ensure that pupils attending the resource base are able to access the full school day, ie., allowing the TA resource to flex to meet the support needed by pupils at either end of the school day. The additional cost of implementing this change from April 2012 is £0.028m
33. It is recommended to draw together the funding arrangements and the moderation process for all Communication and Interaction Resource Bases (ASD and S&L); this change to be reported back to schools forum in the Autumn 2012

Resources Bases – Communication and Interaction (Speech & Language)

34. The banding moderation took place on 14th October 2011. All schools attended the moderation meeting.

Planned places

35. There is no recommendation to change the number of planned places for any of the four resource bases

Banding moderation

36. Appendix 4 sets out the detailed breakdown of the moderation results

Financial implications

37. The overall quantum required in 2012/13 to fund the S&L bases is £0.050m more than in 2011/12.

Additional actions

38. It is recommended to draw together the funding arrangements and the moderation process for all communication and interaction resource bases (ASD &S&L); this change to be reported back to schools forum in the Autumn 2012

Resource Bases – Hearing Impairment

39. The banding moderation took place on 7 November 2011. All schools attended the moderation meeting.

Planned places

40. It is recommended that the overall number of planned places is reduced by 4, see appendix 4 for school by school breakdown.

Banding moderation

41. Appendix 4 sets out the detailed breakdown of the moderation results

Financial implications

42. The overall quantum required in 2012/13 to fund the HI Resource bases is £0.098m more than in 2011/12. This arises as a result of the proposed change in the formula for the funding of HI Resource Bases. The revised formula is shown in Appendix 5.

Additional actions

43. it is recommended for Schools' Forum to formally approve the new funding formula for this type of provision. The funding formula has been developed in conjunction with schools and is based on the principles agreed by Schools' Forum last year for all of the other types of Resource Bases.

Resource Bases – Physical Impairment

44. The banding moderation took place on 9 November 2011. All schools attended the moderation meeting.

Planned places

45. It is recommended that the overall number of planned places is reduced by 4, see appendix 4 for school by school breakdown.

Banding moderation

46. Appendix 4 sets out the detailed breakdown of the moderation results

Financial implications

47. The overall quantum required in 2012/13 to fund the PI bases is £0.007m more than in 2011/12. Whilst place numbers are reducing the increased cost reflects the proposed change in formula for the funding of PI Resource Bases. The revised formula is shown in Appendix 5.

Additional actions

48. it is recommended for Schools' Forum to formally approve the new funding formula for this type of provision. The funding formula has been developed in conjunction with schools and is based on the principles agreed by Schools' Forum last year for all of the other types of Resource Bases.

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Summary of the changes and financial implications recommended to Schools' Forum

| Type of provision | Number of planned places for 2012/13 | Change from 2011/12 | Overall financial impact for 2012/13 (planned places + moderation) – Movement from 2011/12 to 2012/13 £ |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| ELP | | -12 | -99,620 |
| Special Schools | 525 | +1 | 82,017 |
| RB –Complex Needs | 181 | -19 | -63,562 |
| RB – ASD | 49 | 0 | 48,082 |
| RB – S&L | 63 | 0 | 50,048 |
| RB – HI | 28 | -4 | 98,153 |
| RB – PI | 17 | -4 | 6,825 |
| Total | | -38 | 121,943 |

Note that the above financial impact is reduced to £24,405 following the reduction in transitional protection for Downlands School.

Proposals

1. Schools Forum is asked to approve the financial implications of the planned places and banding moderation process for specialist provision in 2012/13. The overall financial impact of £24,405 will be built in to the budget assumptions for 2012/13 in line with previous Schools Forum decisions relating to treatment of cost pressures arising from banding moderation.
2. That Schools Forum approves the formula change for ASD Centres to increase the number of TA cover built in to the formula.
3. That Schools Forum approves the revised formulae for Resource Bases for Hearing Impairment and Physical Impairment to bring the funding for these types of provision in line with other Resource Bases. The revised formulae will be implemented from September 2012.
4. That from autumn 2012 the moderation process for all Communication and Interaction Resource Bases (ASD and S&L) be brought together in to a single process.

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