

Questions posed in Early Years National Funding Formula Consultation.

	Answer	Any Comments?
<p>P.27 Questions</p> <p>Should there be an early years national funding formula (to distribute money from central government to each local authority)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent do you agree with the proposed funding floor limit, so that no local authority would face a reduction in its hourly funding rate of greater than 10%? 		
<p>p.27 Questions: Considering a universal base rate of funding which does not vary by local area...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should a universal base rate be included in the early years national funding formula? • Is 89.5% of overall funding the right amount to channel through this factor? 		
<p>p.30 Questions: Considering an additional needs factor...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should an additional needs factor be included in the early years national funding formula? • Do we propose the correct basket of metrics? • Do we propose the correct weightings for each metric? 		
<p>p.31 Questions:</p> <p>Considering an area cost adjustment...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the early years national funding formula include an area cost adjustment? • Should that adjustment be based on staff costs (based on the General Labour Market measure) and on nursery premises costs (based on rateable values)? 		
<p>p.32 Questions: To implement the increased hourly rate for the two-year old free entitlement...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should we retain the current two-year-old funding formula? • Should we use the additional funding secured at the spending review to uplift local authorities' allocations based upon this? <p>Considering the Dedicated Schools Grant...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the free entitlement be capped at 30 hours for children of eligible working parents and 15 hours for all other children? 		
<p>p.35 Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should Government set the proportion of early years funding that must be passed on to providers? • Do you think that 95% is the correct minimum 		

proportion of the money that should be passed from local authorities to providers?		
p.36 Question: Should local authorities be required to give the same universal hourly base rate to all childcare providers in their area?		
p.39 Question: • Should local authorities be able to use funding supplements?		
p.39 Questions: • Should there be a cap on the proportion of funding that is channelled through supplements? • If you agree that there should be cap on the proportion of funding that is channeled through supplements, should the cap be set at 10%?		
p.43 Questions: • Should the following supplements be permitted? Deprivation, sparsity / rural areas, flexibility, efficiency, additional 15 hours • When using funding supplements, should local authorities have discretion over the metrics they use and the amount of money channeled through each one? • If you agree that efficiency / additional 15 hours should be included in the set of supplements, do you have a suggestion of how should it be designed? • If you think any additional supplements should be permitted which are not mentioned here, please set out what they are and why you believe they should be included.		
p.47 Questions: • Should there be a Disability Access Fund to support disabled children to access their free entitlement? • Should eligibility for the Disability Access Fund be children aged 3 or 4 which are a) taking up their free entitlement and b) in receipt of Disability Living Allowance? • When it comes to delivering the funding for the Disability Access Fund, is the most appropriate way the existing framework of the Early Years Pupil Premium?		
p.51 Questions: • To what extent do you agree that a lack of clarity on how parents / childcare providers can access financial support results in children with special educational needs not receiving appropriate support? (We mean children who		

<p>do not already have an Education, Health and Care Plan) When it comes to establishing an inclusion fund...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should local authorities be required to establish an inclusion fund? • Would an inclusion fund help improve the supply of appropriate support children receive when in an early years setting? • If you envisage any barriers, arising from existing practice or future proposals, to introducing a new requirement on local authorities to establish an inclusion fund, please tell us what they are and how they might be overcome. <p>When it comes to the SEN inclusion fund, should local authorities be responsible for deciding...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The children for which the inclusion fund is used? • The value of the fund? • The process of allocating the funding? • Where specialist SEN or SEND services are delivered free at the point of use, should they be considered as funding passed directly to providers for the purposes of the 95% high pass-through? 		
<p>p.53 Question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent do you agree with the transition approach proposed for the Early Years National Funding Formula (money distributed from Government to local authorities)? 		
<p>p.53 Question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent do you agree with the transition approach proposed for the high pass-through of early years funding from local authorities to providers? 		
<p>p.54 Question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent do you agree that our proposals on the high pass-through of funding from local authorities to childcare providers makes the existing Minimum Funding Guarantee for the early years unnecessary? 		
<p>p.54 Question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent do you agree with the transition approach proposed for introducing the universal base rate for all providers in a local authority area? 		
<p>p.55 Question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide any representations / 		

<p>evidence on the impact of our proposals for the purposes of the Public Sector Equality Duty (Equality Act 2010). The protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race (including ethnicity); religion or belief; sex and sexual orientation.</p>		
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