



REQUEST 18925

1. Did you have an underspend in the early years block for funded places at the end of the financial year 2024/25? Yes/no. If yes, please give amount of underspend: OR:

2. Did you have an overspend in the early years block for funded places at the end of the financial year 2024/25? Yes/no. If yes please give amount of overspend:

3. What actions, if any, were agreed relating to this underspend or overspend?

- a. Offset deficit in schools block
- b. Offset deficit in high needs block
- c. Carried forward to 2025/26 budget
- d. Re-distributed to the early years providers
- e. Retained in reserves
- f. Overspend met from contingency
- g. Overspend to be addressed in future financial years
- h. No action has been agreed
- i. Other – please specify

4. Under the 'Early years entitlements: local authority funding operational guide 2024 to 2025', what was the average percentage pass-through rate for all eligible categories of funded places in 2024/25?

5. Did any eligible group receive a different pass-through rate? Eg two-year-old children from disadvantaged families getting a pass-through rate higher than 95% Teachers' pay and teachers' pension employer contributions (TP&P) in 2024/25

RESPONSE

Underspend £731,769

N/A

Underspend is held in reserves to meet future years volatility in numbers.

97.11%

3 / 4-year-olds 97.31%

2 year olds (WP & Disadvantages) 97.01%

Under 2's 97.01%

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| <p>6. How did the local authority distribute the additional funding you received in respect of teachers' pay and pensions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Equally distributed among all providers via the hourly rate b. Distributed to some providers based on numbers of teachers they employed c. Only distributed to specific types of provider – eg schools or maintained nursery schools d. Other method – please describe Childcare Sufficiency Assessments | <p>100% distributed to schools with nursery provision and maintained nursery schools based on pupil numbers.</p> |
| <p>7. Has your most recent Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) been published? Please provide a copy or link</p> | <p>Our sufficiency assessment for the annual reporting was completed in October 2025. We have written a Sufficiency report, which has been sent for approval, prior to publication</p> |
| <p>8. When did you last carry out a Childcare Sufficiency Assessment?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Since 01 September 2024 b. Between 01 September 2023 and 31 August 2024 c. Prior to 31 August 2023 | <p>A Since 01 September 2024</p> |