



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%

6. How did the local authority distribute the additional funding you received in respect of teachers' pay and pensions?

- 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

7. Has your most recent Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) been published? Please provide a copy or link

8. When did you last carry out a Childcare Sufficiency Assessment?

- a. Since 01 September 2024
- b. Between 01 September 2023 and 31 August 2024
- c. Prior to 31 August 2023

100% distributed to schools with nursery provision and maintained nursery schools based on pupil numbers.

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

A Since 01 September 2024