



Analysis of the responses of f40 LAs regarding transfers from the Schools' Block to the High Needs Block

1. There are 41 authorities in f40 membership.
2. This analysis refers to a survey of LAs undertaken in November/December 2018 [referred to as November in all further statements and tables] and again in January 2019 following the announcement by the Secretary of State in late December of additional High Needs funding.
3. The Secretary of State announced an additional £250m over two years (£125m each year). f40 LAs were allocated £45.1m in 2019-20.
4. In November, 10 of the 41 did not intend to transfer any funds to the HNB and unsurprisingly did not alter that decision in January.
5. In November, 24 of the remaining 32 requested between 0.1% and 0.5% and a further seven requested between 1% and 2%

	November	November	January				November	January			
	Did not request funding move	Requested 0-0.5%	No change to request	Reduced request	Withdrawn request	to be discussed or Not known	Requested >0.5% [1%-2%]	No change to request	Reduced request	Withdrawn request	to be discussed or Not known
	10	24					7				
			<i>4 (but in 1 SF agreed lower amount)</i>								
Forum not yet met		4					4	4			
Forum agreed		12	8	1	1	2					
Forum did not agree - SOS application made		7	2	2	1	2	2	1	1		
Forum did not agree - no SOS application		1			1						
Not Known							1				1
			14	3	3	4		5	1	0	1

6. The table above shows what subsequently happened to the 31 requests to move funds.
7. Where the Schools' Forum agreed a move in November (16 LAs), one withdrew the request after receipt of the additional funding and one reduced it (0.5% to 0.3%), the remainder left the decision as it was, many citing that whilst the funding was welcome, it would not solve the problem.
8. Where the Schools' Forum disagreed in November (9 LAs), three reduced the request, one withdrew it and three said that they would not change the request. In 3 cases the outcome was not known (yet).