

High Needs Block ESTIMATED Trajectory 2024-2028

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This is an estimated trajectory where the current cost base moves forward over the next 3 years, adjusted for what can be reasonably estimated about National Funding Formula, needs-demand growth and SEND placement development. This does not yet take into account specifically any implications of the national SEND / Alternative Provision reviews.

Balance Brought Forward from the previous year

Income

	2024/25 HNB Forecast	2025/26 HNB Forecast	2026/27 HNB Forecast
DfE HNB Allocation (estimated 4.5% Eapp growth continuing from April 2025 on a forecasted reducing school population)	122,343,428	126,724,883	130,973,793
Total Income	122,343,428	126,724,883	130,973,793

Expenditure

Place Plus - Maintained Special Schools and Special School Academies (current base; 1.5% annual creep)	39,320,859	39,910,672	40,509,332
Place Plus - Early Years Enhanced Provisions (current base; 1.5% annual creep)	1,900,000	1,928,500	1,957,428
Place Plus - School-Led Resourced Provisions Primary & Secondary (current base; 1.5% annual creep)	6,590,921	6,689,785	6,790,132
Place Plus - LA-Led Resourced Provisions Sensory (current base; 5% annual creep)	2,918,051	3,063,954	3,217,152
Place Plus - Other LA Resourced Provisions (current base; 5% annual creep)	3,540,945	3,717,992	3,903,892
Place Plus - PRUs, Alternative Provision Academies & Other Alternative Providers (current base; 1.5% annual creep)	7,279,766	7,388,962	7,499,797
Place Plus - EHCPs Post 16 in Further Education institutions & SPIs (heavily estimated growth from population bulge; +£1m pa)	9,466,000	10,466,000	11,466,000
Place Plus - New SEND Places not yet allocated	3,868,667	5,576,896	6,063,250
Grant to Special Schools / Academies & PRUs / AP re. the 3.4% Per Place Funding Condition (1.5% annual creep)	1,404,037	1,425,098	1,446,474
Teacher Pay & Pensions Grants - special schools, resourced provisions and AP providers (current base; 1.5% annual creep)	1,556,793	1,580,145	1,603,847
Mainstream EHCPs (Pre 16) including SEND Funding Floor, Personal Budgets and PVI EHCPs (current base plus EHCP growth at £5m per year)	27,060,000	32,060,000	37,060,000
Mainstream EHCPs (Post 16 element 2 cost) (continuation of current base)	150,000	150,000	150,000
Independent & OLA Placements & Education OLAs (heavily estimated; assumes continued current base + £5m per year)	28,800,000	33,800,000	38,800,000
Medical Home Tuition, Education in Hospital & Tracks Central Service (continuation of current base; annual 5% uplift)	1,710,000	1,795,500	1,885,275
Speech & Language Therapy Services (current base; annual 5% uplift)	315,000	330,750	347,288
Specialist Equipment (continuation of current base)	80,000	80,000	80,000
Copyright Licences (5% annual inflation; price set by DfE)	143,266	150,429	157,951
BSF (PFI) - Special Schools (annual RPIX increase estimated 5%)	1,013,000	1,063,650	1,116,833
Teaching & SEND Support Services (current base continues; includes continuation of Inclusion Investment Plan spend; annual 5% uplift)	6,546,600	6,873,930	7,217,627
Special Schools / PRU / AP Inclusion Outreach (continuation of Inclusion Investment Plan spend)	300,000	300,000	300,000
Total Expenditure	143,963,905	158,352,263	171,572,275

In Year Budget Position

Brought Forward HNB Balance from the Previous Year Financial Year	22,646,187	1,025,710	-30,601,669
Forecasted HNB Carry Forward Balance at the end of the financial year (Cumulative)	1,025,710	-30,601,669	-71,200,152

Pressure / saving brought from previous year's over / under spending

Change in Income vs. Previous Year		-21,620,477	-31,627,380
Change in Expenditure vs. the Previous Year		4,381,455	4,248,909
Total In year position	0	-31,627,380	-40,598,482

% of HNB Income that is spent on pupil places provision

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% of HNB Expenditure that is spent on pupil places provision

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