

Dear All,

SCHOOLS' FORUM - THURSDAY, 17TH JANUARY, 2019

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the Thursday, 17th January, 2019 meeting of the Schools' Forum, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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- 8 **Dedicated Schools Grant and Schools Funding 2019 - 2020 (Pages 1 - 14)**
 [To receive the report on Dedicated Schools Grant and Schools Funding 2019 – 2020]
- 11 **School Representation in the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) (Pages 15 - 18)**
 [To receive the report on School Representation in the MASH]

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SCHOOLS' FORUM

Date	17 January 2019
Report title	Dedicated Schools Grant and School Funding 2019-2020
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Summary

On 19 December 2018, the Department for Education made annual announcements regarding school funding for 2019-2020. The announcements covered the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2019-2020 and provided information on the indicative Pupil Premium allocations for 2019-2020.

School funding has been allocated using the National Funding Formula and re-baselined blocks to reflect more recent spending patterns.

As agreed by Schools' Forum, the Local Authority will use a combination of national and local funding formulae to allocate the funds to Individual Schools' Budgets.

Prior to allocating funds to schools and academies, a number of areas of overspend in 2018-2019 will need to be top-sliced before arriving at the quantum of funding available for 2019-2020.

This report:

1. Considers the anticipated DSG settlement for 2019-2020 and the makeup of the overall allocation.
2. Considers the areas of overspend on the DSG in 2018-2019 that will need to be treated as the first call on the 2019-2020 allocation.

Decision

Members of the Schools' Forum are asked to:

1. Note the anticipated settlement for 2019-2020 and the makeup of the overall allocation.
2. Agree the items of overspend that will be treated as first call from the 2019-2020 allocation.
3. Agree the proposed rates for de-delegation from maintained schools for 2019-2020.
4. Agree the proposed rates for maintained schools' contribution to Education Functions for 2019-2020.
5. Note that a further report will be brought to Schools' Forum detailing the breakdown of High Needs, Early Years and Central Services Blocks budgets.

Schedule of Background Papers:

Schools' Forum (February 2017) Services Formerly Funded from Education Services Grant
Schools' Forum (January 2018) DSG and Schools Funding 2018-2019
Schools' Forum (October 2018) National Funding Formula update
Schools' Forum (December 2018) Consultation on Schools' Funding Formula 2019-2020

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The government initially announced its intention to introduce a national funding formula (for reception to Year 11 pupils) from 2017-2018. Following ministerial changes in July 2016, the introduction of the changes was postponed for a further year. In September 2017, the Government issued its final response to the consultation process and the Local Authority settlement has been based on a phased implementation of the national funding formula. The implementation date for full national funding formula remains uncertain.
- 1.2 At Schools' Forum in December 2018, it was agreed that a transitional formula utilising a combination of national and local factors would be applied for school in Wolverhampton for 2019-2020.

2.0 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2019-2020

- 2.1 On 19 December 2018, the Department for Education announced the Local Authority's DSG allocation for 2019-2020. The City of Wolverhampton's initial allocation was announced as £248.29 million as set out in the following blocks.

Details	£m	Basis of calculations
Schools Block	191.215	£4,150.26 per primary pupil £5,544.87 per secondary pupil
Central School Services Block	2.033	£32.46 per pupil plus an adjustment for historic commitments
High Needs Block (Provisional)	35.976	
Early Years Block	19.070	
Total	248.294	

The following sections consider each element in turn.

2.1.1 Schools Block Funding

The Schools Block Funding of £191.215 million has been calculated on the following basis:

Area of Funding	Pupil Count	Base Funding (£)	Total (£m)
Primary	24,066	4,105.26	99.878
Secondary	15,164	5,544.87	84.079
Premises Factors (Rates and PFI)			5.149
Growth Factor			2.109
TOTAL ALLOCATION			191.215
Movement to High Needs Block		0.5 %	(0.956)
Available to distribute to schools through formula and growth fund			190.259

Growth Factors - £2.109 million

2019-2020 introduces the first year of a national formula for the growth fund settlement and is based on the growth between October 2017 and October 2018 census data.

- £1,370 per primary pupil
- £2,050 per secondary

Protections, caps and scales are applied to the final settlement to prevent individual Local Authorities from receiving excessive gains or losses as a result of the formulaic approach.

The method of distribution to schools remains at the discretion of the Local Authority, and the ability to ‘top-slice’ the overall school block funding remains.

Premises Factors - £5.149 million

The premises baseline is the total funding allocated through premises factors:

- a. PFI
- b. Split-sites
- c. Rates
- d. Exceptional Circumstances (such as merging schools)

Mobility Factors

Historically, mobility factors have not been used in the Wolverhampton local funding formula and therefore are not a factor in the funding allocation.

2.1.2 Central School Services Block

The Central School Services Block funding of £2.033 million, replaces the former Centrally Retained Block and Education Services Grant, and is calculated using a combination of:

- a. Historic Commitments – £760,000
- b. Ongoing/ Retained Duties - £32.46 per pupil (£1.273 million)

2.1.3 High Needs Block (Provisional)

The High Needs Block Provisional settlement of £35.976 million is calculated as follows:

	Pupil Count	Unit Rate (£)	Total (£m)
Initial Allocations			31.548
Area Cost Adjustment	883	4,020.32	3.550
Provisional Import Adjustment	41	6,000	0.246
Additional Allocation (see para. 3.3)			0.632
Provisional Total			35.976

Paragraph 3.0 will consider existing pressures in this area.

2.1.4 Early Years Block

The Early Years Block funding of £19.070 million is made up of the following elements:

Area of Funding	Pupil Count (PTE)	Rate (£)	Total (£m)	Basis
Universal Entitlement 3 and 4 - year olds	4,343	4.68	11.585	15 hours per week x 38 weeks
Additional 15 hours for eligible 3 and 4 - year olds	864	4.68	2.305	15 hours per week x 38 weeks
2-year olds funding	1,310	5.24	3.913	15 hours per week x 38 weeks
Early Years Pupil Premium	816	300	0.245	Annual rate per eligible pupil
Disability Access Fund	128	615	0.079	Annual rate per eligible pupil
Maintained Nursery School Supplement			0.943	Protection for Maintained Nursery Schools
Total			19.070	

As in previous years, funding attracted through the early years block (for 2, 3 and 4-year-old entitlement) will be adjusted during the financial year to take account of the actual pupils in settings taking up their free entitlement.

3.0 Prior Year commitments from 2018-2019

- 3.1 There are a number of commitments funded in 2018-2019 that will need to be considered as the first call against resources for 2019-2020.
- 3.2 As has been discussed previously, there continues to be an overspend in the High Needs Block in the current year, mainly in respect of Out of City Placements and Alternative Provision. In previous years, pressures in this budget led to the borrowing forward of future years DSG allocation. This pattern, has led to a further pressure in 2018-2019, coupled with significant demand for Out of City Placements and Alternative Provision. It will therefore be necessary to borrow forward from 2019-2020 allocation to meet the in-year pressure of £400,000 as detailed in the table below.
- 3.3 In December 2018, the Education Secretary announced an additional £250 million of funding for the High Needs Block over 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. As a result of this announcement, City of Wolverhampton Council have been allocated an additional £632,000 for each year. This additional funding will go some way to reducing the level of borrowing forward required, and, together with the 0.5% movement from the schools block in 2019-2020, ease the pressure going forward.

Detail	£	Area for Recovery
Forecast overspend	1,000,000	Out of City Placements, Alternative Provision placements and contribution to third party placements
Additional funding received in 2018-19	(632,000)	Met through support from the High Needs Block
TOTAL	368,000	

4.0 Preparation of Individual Schools' Budgets for 2019-2020

4.1 2019-2020 Funding Formula

4.1.1 At its meeting of 4 December 2018, Schools' Forum approved the Local Funding Formula Rates, as all matching the National Funding Formula values, with the exception of the English As an Additional Language (EAL) factor, where rates midway between the previously used local values and the National Funding Formula values were approved. (Appendix 1).

4.1.2 Following a consultation process carried out with all City of Wolverhampton schools, Schools' Forum also approved the following rates to be applied to the funding formula:

MFG +0.5%

Funding Cap 1.5%

Movement to the High Needs Block 0.5%

Remaining funds to retain a central Growth Fund – to be distributed to schools with significant growth requirements through Basic Need.

4.1.3 Following adjustments to the indicative settlement, the following amendments have been made to rates previously approved by Schools' Forum:

Factor	Previously Approved Rate	Revised Rate
Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG)	0.5%	0.5%
Funding Cap	1.5%	2.92%
Movement from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block	0.5%	0.5%
Total Funds Distributed to Schools through formula	£182,223,037	£188,624,583
Available for Growth Fund	£1,579,324	£1,634,359
Total Distributed to Schools through formula and growth Fund	£183,802,361	£190,258,942

4.1.4 The adjusted outcomes can be seen in Appendix 2. It is to be noted that schools experiencing large per pupil losses, are doing so as a result of fluctuations in business rates. Since these schools, are now academies, their GAG settlement excludes the rates, so, it is anticipated that the per pupil rate if funding will still increase.

4.2 Early Years Funding Formula

4.2.1 The Early Years National Funding Formula was fully implemented in 2017-2018, and it is intended that the same hourly rates agreed for 2018-2019 will be paid for the 2019-2020 formula.

4.2.2 Local Authorities are expected to provide a pass-through rate to early years settings of at least 95% (93% in 2017-2018). Using the current hourly rate of £4.25, the pass through rate used in Wolverhampton is over 98% so the required threshold is met without increasing the hourly rate in 2019-2020.

4.3 Funding High Needs Provision

- 4.3.1 The funding framework for mainstream schools with units for high needs pupils (Resource Bases) will be changed in 2018-2019. The per pupil funding through delegated budget will now be £6,000 plus the Age-Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) calculated in the local funding formula per agreed place that is occupied. The former rate of £10,000 will continue to be paid for unoccupied places. Schools will continue to receive top up payments from the Local Authority for each occupied place, based on pupils assessed needs.
- 4.3.2 The funding for maintained Pupil Referral Units and Special Schools remains unchanged at £10,000 per agreed pupil place funding, plus top ups based on pupils assessed needs.

4.4 Settings with High incidence of Special Educational Needs (SEN)

- 4.4.1 The Local Authority will again retain a contingency to support schools that have a higher than average number of pupils with SEN. It is proposed that the criteria for support used for 2018-2019 allocation be maintained for the 2019-2020 allocation.
- 4.4.2 For a school to be eligible to receive support from this fund they will need to satisfy **two** criteria.

Low Prior Attainment	:	The percentage of pupils attracting LPA within the school is more than 10% below the average for that sector.
Deprivation	:	The percentage of pupils attracting deprivation within the school is more than 10% below the average for that sector
Statements more than £6000	:	Where the numbers of Low Incidence High Cost (LIHC) pupils is more than 5.0% above the average for the sector.

5.0 De-delegation 2019-2020

- 5.1 The Local Authority continue to offer a de-delegation option for the provision of services to maintained primary and secondary schools. As in previous years, Special schools, Nursery schools, PRUs and Academies will need to enter into SLA arrangements to secure these services.
- 5.2 The Local Authority will no longer be offering a de-delegated service for free school meals eligibility checking service, as this will now be offered through an SLA. The service provided through Citizenship, Language and Learning for new arrivals will continue to be available through a de-delegated service for maintained mainstream schools.

- 5.3 The cost of providing the service is £215,000 – and the de-delegation funding is topped up by Academy SLAs and Maintained school upgrades.

Service	£	Cost per head 2019-2020 £	Cost per head 2018-2019 £
Under performing Ethnic Minority groups Wolverhampton Citizenship, Language and Learning Service supports schools/academies in Wolverhampton before, during, and after the admittance of a newly-arrived pupil, for whom English is an additional language. Also supports pupils from traditionally under achieving ethnic groups.	105,000	8.78	7.80

6.0 Education Functions

- 6.1 In September 2017, the Education Services Grant (ESG) was removed by the Department for Education (DfE) and has been replaced under the National Funding Formula framework by the Central Schools Services Block (CSSB).
- 6.2 The CSSB was fully introduced in 2018-2019, to fund local authorities for the statutory duties they hold for both maintained and academy schools.
- 6.3 Where local authorities continue to provide additional services for maintained schools, which were formerly funded through the ESG, these services are now expected to be funded from school budget shares, with the agreement of maintained school members of the Schools' Forum.
- 6.4 The former ESG granted a rate of £66 per pupil in primary and secondary schools to fund these duties, and with the withdrawal of these funds, Schools' Forum agreed, in February 2017, the rates that maintained schools would contribute towards the shortfall in funding for the period September 2017 – April 2018. For primary and secondary schools this rate was £20 per pupil (50% of the funding shortfall).
- 6.5 In 2018-2019, the rate of funding received through the CSSB was £31.77 per pupil and maintained primary and secondary schools made an additional contribution at a proposed rate of £26 per pupil (75% of the original funding shortfall).
- 6.6 For 2019-2020, the rate of funding received through the CSSB is £32.46 per pupil and maintained primary and secondary schools are asked to make an additional contribution of £28.60 per pupil (85% of the original funding shortfall).

6.6 The following table illustrates how this figure has been reached:

No of pupils in maintained primary and secondary settings for 2019-2020 place planning		12,056
Description	£ per pupil	£ Total
Former ESG Rate (2017-2018)	66.00	795,696
CSSB Rate for 2019-2020	32.46	391,338
Funding Shortfall (with no adjustment for inflation)	33.54	404,358
Proposed rate for de-delegation from maintained primary and secondary schools	28.60	344,802
Remaining shortfall to be met by the local authority		59,557

6.7 Differential rates have historically been applied for special schools and PRUs and are calculated on a per place basis. The proposed rates for these establishments will be brought to Schools' Forum within the High Needs paper for consideration. However, it is worth noting that the multipliers previously used were 3.75 for PRUs and 4.25 for special schools

7.0 Pupil Premium Grant 2019-2020

The unit rates applied for pupil premium allocations in 2019-2020, remain the same as in 2018-2019, and will be:

- £1,320 per pupil for primary aged pupils
- £ 935 per pupil for secondary aged pupils
- £2,300 per Child in Care (CiC) in year groups reception to year 11
- £ 300 for Service Children

The final pupil premium allocations for 2019-2020 will be based on the January 2018 census data.

8.0 Impact

The allocation of resources to schools has a major impact on a school's ability to deliver its desired outcomes and as such has implications for all areas within the Education Service.

Appendix 1 – Funding Formula Factors

Funding Factor			National Funding Formula 2019-2020	City of Wolverhampton recommended rates 2019-2020	City of Wolverhampton Council 2018-2019	
Basic entitlement	Age-Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)	Primary	2,747.00	2,747.00	2,684.44	
		Secondary: KS3	3,863.00	3,863.00	3,632.15	
		Secondary: KS4	4,386.00	4,386.00	4,805.44	
Needs Led Factors						
Deprivation	Free School Meals Through a combination of FSM and IDACI Bands	Current FSM	440.00	440.00	450.00	
		Ever6 FSM: Primary	540.00	540.00	Not used	
		Ever6 FSM: Secondary	785.00	785.00	Not used	
		IDACI Band F	Primary	200.00	200.00	Not used
			Secondary	290.00	290.00	Not used
		IDACI Band E	Primary	240.00	240.00	Not used
			Secondary	390.00	390.00	Not used
		IDACI Band D	Primary	360.00	360.00	Not used
			Secondary	515.00	515.00	Not used
		IDACI Band C	Primary	390.00	390.00	822.02
			Secondary	560.00	560.00	1,116.88
		IDACI Band B	Primary	420.00	420.00	1,233.03
			Secondary	600.00	600.00	1,675.31
		IDACI Band A	Primary	575.00	575.00	1,644.04
			Secondary	810.00	810.00	2,233.74
Low Prior Attainment		Primary	1,022.00	1,022.00	800.00	
		Secondary	1,550.00	1,550.00	888.25	
Looked After Children (LAC)	Any child who has been looked after for 1 day or more		Not used	Not used	Not used	
English As an Additional Language (EAL)	Pupils with a first language other than English attract funding for up to 3 years	Primary	515.00	409.20	303.40	
		Secondary	1,385.00	902.48	419.95	
Pupil Mobility	Counts pupils entering a school during the last 3 academic years but did not start in August or September)		Not used	Not used	Not used	
School/ Premises Led Factors						
Sparsity	Schools located in areas where pupils have to travel; or small schools	Primary	25,000.00	25,000.00	Not Applicable	
		Secondary	65,000.00	65,000.00	Not Applicable	
Lump Sum		Primary	110,000.00	110,000.00	125,000.00	
		Secondary	110,000.00	110,000.00	175,000.00	

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School Name	2019-2020 Provisional APT		
	19-20 Post MFG Budget	19-20 Post MFG per pupil Budget	NOR
Aldersley High School	£4,900,006.10	£5,798.82	845
Bantock Primary School	£1,582,140.36	£4,287.64	369
Berrybrook Primary School	£1,045,485.45	£4,862.72	215
Bilston Church of England Primary School	£1,890,354.84	£4,500.84	420
Bushbury Hill Primary School	£1,336,860.39	£5,006.97	267
Bushbury Lane Academy	£942,580.71	£4,833.75	195
Castlecroft Primary School	£832,410.99	£3,800.96	219
Christ Church (Church of England) Infant and Nursery School	£683,221.47	£3,881.94	176
Christ Church (Church of England) Junior School	£889,997.22	£3,662.54	243
Claregate Primary School	£1,415,236.00	£3,582.88	395
Colton Hills Community School	£4,932,230.27	£5,913.95	834
Coppice Performing Arts School	£4,236,040.47	£4,813.68	880
Corpus Christi Catholic Primary Academy	£773,390.21	£3,966.10	195
Deyncourt Primary School	£1,155,498.57	£3,703.52	312
Dovecotes Primary School	£1,191,627.03	£4,618.71	258
Dunstall Hill Primary School	£1,700,787.08	£4,659.69	365
East Park Academy	£2,477,158.77	£4,101.26	604
Eastfield Primary School	£2,005,428.02	£4,797.67	418
Edward the Elder Primary School	£944,353.92	£4,475.61	211
Elston Hall Primary School	£2,405,435.77	£3,830.31	628
Fallings Park Primary School	£2,625,617.22	£4,590.24	572
Field View Primary School	£1,969,090.76	£4,722.04	417
Goldthorn Park Primary School	£1,643,219.66	£3,940.57	417
Graiseley Primary School	£1,025,399.28	£5,026.47	204
Grove Primary Academy	£1,817,891.90	£4,673.24	389
Heath Park	£6,302,629.38	£6,366.29	990
Highfields School	£7,977,057.77	£6,315.96	1,263
Hill Avenue Academy	£1,062,241.17	£3,905.30	272
Holy Rosary Catholic Primary Academy	£957,189.48	£4,858.83	197
Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School	£1,022,375.49	£4,605.30	222
Lanesfield Primary School	£1,380,877.29	£4,146.78	333
Long Knowle Primary School	£846,394.40	£4,190.07	202
Loxdale Primary School	£1,291,137.20	£4,376.74	295
Manor Primary School	£1,884,480.78	£3,509.28	537
Merridale Primary School	£916,607.44	£4,323.62	212
Moreton School	£4,714,292.91	£7,089.16	665
Moseley Park	£5,177,673.57	£5,772.21	897
Nishkam Primary School Wolverhampton	£1,327,983.91	£4,146.71	320
Northwood Park Primary School	£2,545,866.00	£4,222.00	603
Oak Meadow Primary School	£1,605,787.11	£3,860.07	416
Ormiston NEW Academy	£3,902,804.16	£6,224.57	627
Ormiston SWB Academy	£6,117,017.19	£5,991.20	1,021
Our Lady and St Chad Catholic Academy	£4,695,696.78	£5,804.32	809
Palmers Cross Primary School	£870,177.12	£4,350.89	200
Parkfield Primary School	£998,060.73	£4,685.73	213

School Name	2018-2019 Final APT					
	18-19 Post MFG Budget	18-19 Post MFG per pupil Budget	NOR	Per pupil increase/(decrease)	% change	Comments
Aldersley High School	£4,339,707.89	£5,786.28	750	£12.55	0.22%	
Bantock Primary School	£1,580,468.89	£4,137.35	382	£150.29	3.63%	
Berrybrook Primary School	£996,392.40	£4,860.45	205	£2.27	0.05%	
Bilston Church of England Primary School	£1,698,159.20	£4,433.84	383	£67.01	1.51%	
Bushbury Hill Primary School	£1,347,820.04	£5,010.48	269	£-3.52	-0.07%	
Bushbury Lane Academy	£945,635.77	£4,800.18	197	£33.57	0.70%	
Castlecroft Primary School	£812,989.90	£3,678.69	221	£122.28	3.32%	
Christ Church (Church of England) Infant and Nursery School	£665,103.77	£3,757.65	177	£124.29	3.31%	
Christ Church (Church of England) Junior School	£852,475.50	£3,551.98	240	£110.56	3.11%	
Claregate Primary School	£1,367,833.38	£3,489.37	392	£93.51	2.68%	
Colton Hills Community School	£4,601,245.69	£5,773.21	797	£140.74	2.44%	
Coppice Performing Arts School	£4,283,365.13	£4,917.76	871	£-104.07	-2.12%	Rates Rebate following Academisation
Corpus Christi Catholic Primary Academy	£767,432.31	£3,856.44	199	£109.66	2.84%	
Deyncourt Primary School	£1,162,988.96	£3,668.73	317	£34.79	0.95%	
Dovecotes Primary School	£1,149,714.71	£4,456.26	258	£162.45	3.65%	
Dunstall Hill Primary School	£1,543,083.59	£4,485.71	344	£173.98	3.88%	
East Park Academy	£2,513,299.70	£3,976.74	632	£124.52	3.13%	
Eastfield Primary School	£1,823,549.19	£4,786.22	381	£11.46	0.24%	
Edward the Elder Primary School	£917,022.42	£4,387.67	209	£87.94	2.00%	
Elston Hall Primary School	£2,401,237.98	£3,805.45	631	£24.86	0.65%	
Fallings Park Primary School	£2,545,385.85	£4,611.21	552	£-20.97	-0.45%	Over-estimated rates in 2018-19
Field View Primary School	£1,943,881.08	£4,695.36	414	£26.68	0.57%	
Goldthorn Park Primary School	£1,411,502.60	£3,685.39	383	£255.19	6.92%	
Graiseley Primary School	£1,055,402.42	£4,954.94	213	£71.53	1.44%	
Grove Primary Academy	£1,799,843.02	£4,650.76	387	£22.49	0.48%	
Heath Park	£6,134,459.38	£6,215.26	987	£151.03	2.43%	
Highfields School	£7,634,529.77	£6,151.92	1,241	£164.04	2.67%	
Hill Avenue Academy	£1,075,887.83	£3,788.34	284	£116.96	3.09%	
Holy Rosary Catholic Primary Academy	£928,290.67	£4,834.85	192	£23.98	0.50%	
Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School	£1,032,207.72	£4,567.29	226	£38.00	0.83%	
Lanesfield Primary School	£1,338,497.66	£4,043.80	331	£102.98	2.55%	
Long Knowle Primary School	£846,303.49	£4,068.77	208	£121.30	2.98%	
Loxdale Primary School	£1,168,136.26	£4,326.43	270	£50.31	1.16%	
Manor Primary School	£1,685,472.51	£3,311.34	509	£197.93	5.98%	
Merridale Primary School	£887,540.33	£4,166.86	213	£156.76	3.76%	
Moreton School	£4,299,815.60	£6,835.95	629	£253.21	3.70%	
Moseley Park	£4,842,143.51	£5,764.46	840	£7.75	0.13%	
Nishkam Primary School Wolverhampton	£1,039,674.86	£4,250.80	245	£-104.09	-2.45%	Over-estimated rates in 2018-19
Northwood Park Primary School	£2,491,786.78	£4,202.00	593	£20.00	0.48%	
Oak Meadow Primary School	£1,576,588.54	£3,817.41	413	£42.66	1.12%	
Ormiston NEW Academy	£3,781,955.37	£6,199.93	610	£24.64	0.40%	
Ormiston SWB Academy	£5,931,515.19	£5,979.35	992	£11.85	0.20%	
Our Lady and St Chad Catholic Academy	£4,419,960.31	£5,785.29	764	£19.03	0.33%	
Palmers Cross Primary School	£859,272.77	£4,232.87	203	£118.01	2.79%	
Parkfield Primary School	£944,840.44	£4,542.50	208	£143.23	3.15%	

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	19-20 Post MFG Budget	19-20 Post MFG per pupil Budget	NOR
Perry Hall Primary School	£1,458,997.23	£3,515.66	415
Rakegate Primary School	£1,737,419.75	£4,206.83	413
Smestow School	£3,894,304.10	£5,103.94	763
Spring Vale Primary School	£989,572.22	£4,302.49	230
Springdale Primary School	£1,522,133.26	£3,641.47	418
SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary Academy & Nursery	£872,200.20	£4,614.82	189
SS. Mary and John's Catholic Primary Academy	£981,258.12	£4,786.62	205
St Alban's Church of England Primary Academy	£798,439.33	£4,562.51	175
St Andrew's Church of England Primary School	£1,908,319.14	£4,598.36	415
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	£1,190,049.63	£3,826.53	311
St Bartholomew's Church of England Primary School	£1,207,818.00	£3,511.10	344
St Edmunds Catholic Academy	£4,294,586.42	£5,381.69	798
St Jude's Church of England Primary Academy	£1,671,562.12	£3,998.95	418
St Luke's Church of England Aided Primary School	£1,777,210.39	£4,171.86	426
St Martin's Church of England Primary School	£1,086,637.71	£4,435.26	245
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Wolverhampton	£1,816,963.95	£4,399.43	413
St Matthias School	£5,312,673.85	£7,140.69	744
St Michael's Catholic Primary Academy and Nursery	£781,049.31	£3,773.19	207
St Michael's Church of England Aided Primary School	£855,294.26	£4,092.32	209
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Wednesfield	£812,704.21	£4,146.45	196
St Paul's Church of England Aided Primary School	£825,333.61	£4,026.02	205
St Stephen's Church of England Primary School	£1,058,748.57	£4,994.10	212
St Teresa's Catholic Primary Academy	£896,575.12	£4,574.36	196
St Thomas' Church of England Primary Academy	£748,751.36	£3,743.76	200
St. Peter's Collegiate Church of England School	£4,667,935.54	£4,903.29	952
Stow Heath Primary School	£1,812,038.45	£4,335.02	418
Stowlawn Primary School	£1,159,858.84	£4,639.44	250
**The Khalsa Academy	£2,774,795.42	£5,278.59	526
The King's Church of England School	£3,226,833.75	£5,671.06	569
**The Royal School, Wolverhampton	£4,661,260.91	£4,308.00	1,082
Trinity Church of England Primary School	£2,506,382.50	£4,404.89	569
Uplands Junior School	£1,369,671.04	£3,576.16	383
Villiers Primary School	£2,241,728.50	£4,003.09	560
Warstones Primary School	£1,489,764.54	£3,696.69	403
Wednesfield High Specialist Engineering Academy	£3,998,980.75	£5,374.97	744
**West Midlands Construction UTC	£738,950.71	£7,389.51	100
West Park Primary School	£1,249,975.24	£4,528.90	276
Westacre Infant School	£976,531.24	£3,698.98	264
Wilkinson Primary School	£1,728,046.36	£4,094.90	422
Woden Primary School	£1,991,397.96	£4,764.11	418
Wodensfield Primary School	£1,593,953.24	£3,786.11	421
Wolverhampton Girls' High School	£3,433,157.89	£4,939.80	695
Wood End Primary School	£834,681.03	£3,955.83	211
Woodfield Infant School	£906,334.59	£3,923.53	231
Woodfield Junior School	£1,277,604.85	£3,660.76	349

School Name	2018-2019 Final APT			Per pupil increase/(decrease)	% change	Comments
	18-19 Post MFG Budget	18-19 Post MFG per pupil Budget	NOR			
Perry Hall Primary School	£1,396,536.89	£3,397.90	411	£117.76	3.47%	
Rakegate Primary School	£1,691,718.12	£4,096.17	413	£110.66	2.70%	
Smestow School	£3,763,175.05	£4,964.61	758	£139.33	2.81%	
Spring Vale Primary School	£907,157.23	£4,239.05	214	£63.44	1.50%	
Springdale Primary School	£1,630,752.62	£3,706.26	440	-£64.79	-1.75%	Additional Lump Sum paid in 2018-19
SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary Academy & Nursery	£876,803.15	£4,473.49	196	£141.33	3.16%	
SS. Mary and John's Catholic Primary Academy	£997,114.80	£4,748.17	210	£38.46	0.81%	
St Alban's Church of England Primary Academy	£719,026.19	£4,204.83	171	£357.68	8.51%	
St Andrew's Church of England Primary School	£1,754,740.90	£4,476.38	392	£121.98	2.72%	
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	£1,159,406.95	£3,728.00	311	£98.53	2.64%	
St Bartholomew's Church of England Primary School	£1,154,176.00	£3,316.60	348	£194.50	5.86%	
St Edmunds Catholic Academy	£3,964,810.85	£5,321.89	745	£59.79	1.12%	
St Jude's Church of England Primary Academy	£1,546,783.85	£3,915.91	395	£83.04	2.12%	
St Luke's Church of England Aided Primary School	£1,726,106.45	£4,061.43	425	£110.43	2.72%	
St Martin's Church of England Primary School	£1,030,777.14	£4,331.00	238	£104.26	2.41%	
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Wolverhampton	£1,680,607.65	£4,353.91	386	£45.52	1.05%	
St Matthias School	£4,463,382.93	£7,210.63	619	-£69.94	-0.97%	Reduction in Rates (Transitional Surcharges)
St Michael's Catholic Primary Academy and Nursery	£749,760.94	£3,693.40	203	£79.78	2.16%	
St Michael's Church of England Aided Primary School	£799,500.82	£4,017.59	199	£74.72	1.86%	
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Wednesfield	£792,767.40	£4,044.73	196	£101.72	2.51%	
St Paul's Church of England Aided Primary School	£805,038.49	£3,927.02	205	£99.00	2.52%	
St Stephen's Church of England Primary School	£1,022,670.85	£4,869.86	210	£124.24	2.55%	
St Teresa's Catholic Primary Academy	£920,095.56	£4,423.54	208	£150.83	3.41%	
St Thomas' Church of England Primary Academy	£728,370.41	£3,716.18	196	£27.58	0.74%	
St. Peter's Collegiate Church of England School	£4,277,343.28	£4,800.61	891	£102.68	2.14%	
Stow Heath Primary School	£1,807,148.46	£4,313.00	419	£22.02	0.51%	
Stowlawn Primary School	£1,113,837.12	£4,640.99	240	-£1.55	-0.03%	
**The Khalsa Academy	£2,218,945.68	£5,650.97	393	-£372.38	-6.59%	Over-estimated rates in 2018-19 (Final figure not available)
The King's Church of England School	£3,282,107.18	£5,506.89	596	£164.17	2.98%	
**The Royal School, Wolverhampton	£4,357,819.77	£4,272.37	1,020	£35.63	0.83%	
Trinity Church of England Primary School	£2,219,832.43	£4,180.48	531	£224.41	5.37%	
Uplands Junior School	£1,263,334.00	£3,368.89	375	£207.27	6.15%	
Villiers Primary School	£2,269,443.58	£4,074.40	557	-£71.32	-1.75%	Rates Rebate following Academisation
Warstones Primary School	£1,451,297.98	£3,574.63	406	£122.06	3.41%	
Wednesfield High Specialist Engineering Academy	£3,968,801.32	£5,327.25	745	£47.72	0.90%	
**West Midlands Construction UTC	£915,929.47	£7,100.23	129	£289.28	4.07%	
West Park Primary School	£1,256,122.01	£4,376.73	287	£152.16	3.48%	
Westacre Infant School	£948,767.61	£3,580.26	265	£118.73	3.32%	
Wilkinson Primary School	£1,677,061.06	£4,012.11	418	£82.79	2.06%	
Woden Primary School	£1,947,170.34	£4,737.64	411	£26.47	0.56%	
Wodensfield Primary School	£1,543,117.83	£3,656.68	422	£129.43	3.54%	
Wolverhampton Girls' High School	£3,232,741.96	£4,927.96	656	£11.84	0.24%	
Wood End Primary School	£803,759.67	£3,901.75	206	£54.09	1.39%	
Woodfield Infant School	£855,413.10	£3,703.09	231	£220.44	5.95%	
Woodfield Junior School	£1,219,233.70	£3,444.16	354	£216.60	6.29%	

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SCHOOLS' FORUM

Date	17 January 2019
Report title	Supporting School referrals to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub
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Summary

There is a need to enhance the operation of the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) through closer links with Educational Professionals. At present there are high numbers of referrals from schools and this proposal seeks to ensure that referrals receive the most appropriate response that supports families effectively.

This report proposes the introduction of an Education Professional post within the MASH in order to raise levels of understanding (of schools and education) within the MASH and to improve the accuracy and quality of referrals.

Decision

Members of the Schools' Forum are asked to:

1. Consider the proposal to establish an Education Professional position within the MASH
2. Agree to the post being funded through the Central School Services Block of the Dedicated Services Grant.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) is an integrated team of professionals from a range of agencies, working together to safeguard vulnerable children and adults. The MASH facilitates the collection and analysis of all available and relevant information/intelligence in order to ensure that safeguarding responses are timely, proportionate and effective.
- 1.2 The MASH operates during working hours on weekdays; it receives referrals from multiple agencies with the highest proportions of children's referrals being made in a typical month by the following services:
 - Education (referrals from schools),
 - Police
 - Hospital (Royal Wolverhampton Trust)
 - Barnado's Screening Tool (Domestic Abuse Risk, Social Care and Police)
- 1.3 Most referrals made to the MASH are associated with children. When referrals are received they are assessed by MASH Screening Officers who check if the child is known to Children's Services. If there is a case open (or closed within the last 28 days) the allocated worker is assigned to follow up the referral.
- 1.4 If there is no allocated worker the information is collated and assessed by a Lead Professional for Social Care and Early Intervention who applies a threshold / Red Amber Green (RAG) rating based on the following:
 - **Red** - There is a potential child protection issue (e.g. serious injury to the child). To be dealt with in four hours (or immediate if required) – straight to Strategy Discussion. In some cases, information will still be collated from agencies within the MASH to inform future decisions/plans.
 - **Amber** - There are significant concerns but immediate action is not required. To be dealt with in 24 hours. – Referred into MASH for information gathering and a MASH discussion to inform action.
 - **Green** - There are concerns regarding a child's wellbeing but these do not meet statutory requirements (e.g. poor school attendance). To be dealt with in 72 hours – straight to Early Intervention for action.
- 1.5 For reds and ambers the Social Work Unit Manager will decide what agency information is required and then trigger an information request using the MASH Guardian System. This will include the referral information and the RAG rating that has been applied. The Social Work Unit Manager may change the RAG rating as new information comes to light. Similarly, where referrals have gone direct to Early intervention, if more information is received that indicates the risk may be higher, this will be stepped back up to the MASH to reassess the threshold.

2.0 Issues Arising

- 2.1 The MASH referral process is well embedded, however there are a large proportion of referrals being made that are rejected (due to not meeting Safeguarding thresholds) or RAG rated as green that result in no further action or Early Help Assessments being undertaken.

- 2.2 In the reporting period October 2017 to October 2018 a total of 4439 referrals for children were made to the MASH, of which 39% (1731 cases) resulted in a referral for an Early Help Assessment
- 2.3 The high level of referrals leading to no action necessary or Early Help Assessments indicates that there is a need for greater understanding by referring bodies of the thresholds for referring cases to the MASH. There is also a clear need to improve the accuracy and quality of referrals being made to the MASH
- 2.4 There is evidence of good practice within schools in Wolverhampton, however gaining consistency of practice across all schools in the city has proved difficult.
- 2.5 Support is currently offered to schools through a range of channels and this will continue to be the case. However, better use of the current support mechanisms, namely, locality surgeries and duty workers within Strengthening Families Hubs, needs to be improved. This will support schools in ensuring responses to identified issues are being dealt with appropriately from the outset.
- 2.6 The current makeup of staff in the MASH is detailed in the table below. There is no representative from the Education sector within the current staffing roster, whereas other referring agencies have professionals working within the MASH to provide their knowledge, skills and understanding of their organisations to the MASH process.

Post	Number FTE
Children's Social Care	10.5
Adult Social Care	9
Strengthening Families Delivery Manager	1
MASH Business Manage	1
West Midlands Police Officers	2
Joint Protocol Officer	1
MARAC Coordinator	1
Social Work Unit Administrators	4.5
Recovery Near You	1
West Midlands Probation Service	1
Wolverhampton Homes	1
Black Country Partnership Foundation Trust	1
Royal Wolverhampton Trust	1
Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group	1

3.0 Proposal

- 3.1 To further the current understanding within the MASH and to improve the accuracy and quality of referrals it is proposed to offer a 12-month secondment to an existing Designated Safeguarding Lead (or Deputy) to work within the MASH.
- 3.2 The purpose of the role will be to raise the level of understanding within the MASH of how schools operate and to bring an "Education context" to the operation of the MASH. This will be achieved through participation in MASH team meetings which provide the opportunity to feed into the MASH management group.

- 3.3 The postholder will be tasked with working with schools to promote greater understanding from all perspectives and to support consistent practice across schools in the city.
- 3.4 The post will be filled on the basis of a 37-hour working week working in term time **only**.
- 3.5 The secondment will be for 12 months and will act as a trial to establish if there is a need for a permanent Education role within the MASH.
- 3.6 There will be a need for administrative support for the role. This will be provided by the Local Authority.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Based on the cost of seconding a DSL (or deputy) it is expected that the post will be paid on the Leadership Scale with an indicative cost in the region of £50,000 and £75,000. The costs will be finalised upon establishment of the position and creation of a Job Description.
- 4.2 It is proposed that, with the approval of Schools' Forum, the post is funded for a period of 12 months through the Central Services Block of the Dedicated Services grant.
- 4.3 An assessment of the effectiveness of the role will be undertaken and presented to Schools' Forum prior to the 2020 round of school funding proposals. This will also include an assessment of future viability for the post and any associated funding proposals.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 Section 10 of the Children's Act 2004 requires each local authority to make arrangements to promote co-operation between the authority, each of the authority's relevant partners, and such other persons or bodies who exercise functions or are engaged in activities in relation to children in the local authority's area, as the authority considers appropriate. The arrangements are to be made with a view to improving the wellbeing of children in the authority's area – which includes protection from harm and neglect alongside other outcomes.