

## Appendix A – A Summary of SEN Funding Trends

Key points:

- SEN Expenditure as % of Education Budget: The proportion of the budget devoted to SEN has increased. (excluding central SEN support services) The following paragraphs investigate some of the elements that could be creating this increase.

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
%	3.53	3.58	5.4	5.50	5.3

- Banded Funding without Statements via Banded Funding Panel. Between 2006-10 there was evidence of an increase in the number of allocations via the Banded Funding Panel at Band Level 3 or 4.

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Band 3	23	33	29	37
Band 4	9	12	14	15

- The majority of these allocations were for General Learning and Developmental Delay and Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties.
- Statutory Assessment and Statement: Apart from 2007/08, there has been a year on year increase in requests for Statutory Assessment and an increase in the number of Statements issued.

Financial Year	Requests for Statutory Assessment	DECISION		OUTCOME	
		Assess	Don't Assess	Statements Issued	NiL issued
2006/07	51	38	13	34	4
2007/ 08	58	26	32	25	1
2008/09	90	53	37	44	7
2009/2010	102	65	29	43	1

*Note: Some decisions still pending from 2009/10*

- Banded Funding with Statements There has been a tripling of the number of Statements with Level 3 or 4 funding since 2005 with year on year increase; the greatest increase has been in the number of Level 4 allocations. Over a quarter of all Statements now have Level 3 or 4 funding. It needs to be noted that Herefordshire has a lower overall rate of statementing for the 0-19 population compared to nationally (1.42% compared to 1.85%). As pupils tend to receive statements of SEN in their primary phase of education, this growth following the introduction of the new system is inevitable. There needs to be further investigation to determine if there is a commensurate reduction in the level of funding for pupils with 'hours' on statements (the previous system) as pupils leave school.

Year	Level 3	Level 4	Total
2005	36	15	51
2006	47	27	74
2007	66	55	121
2008	61	60	121
2009	79	88	177

- There has been an increase in the total expenditure for Out of County 'Education Only' placements in 2009/10 although the increase is due to one placement via a parental appeal to SENDIST.

Financial Year	Cost
2006/7	£407,211
2007/8	286,871
2008/9	332,275
2009/10	293,145 **

\*\* provisional subject to final closedown. 1 case pending which potentially brings total to £443,002

- At least two young people are due to leave their Out of County placement by September 2010.

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