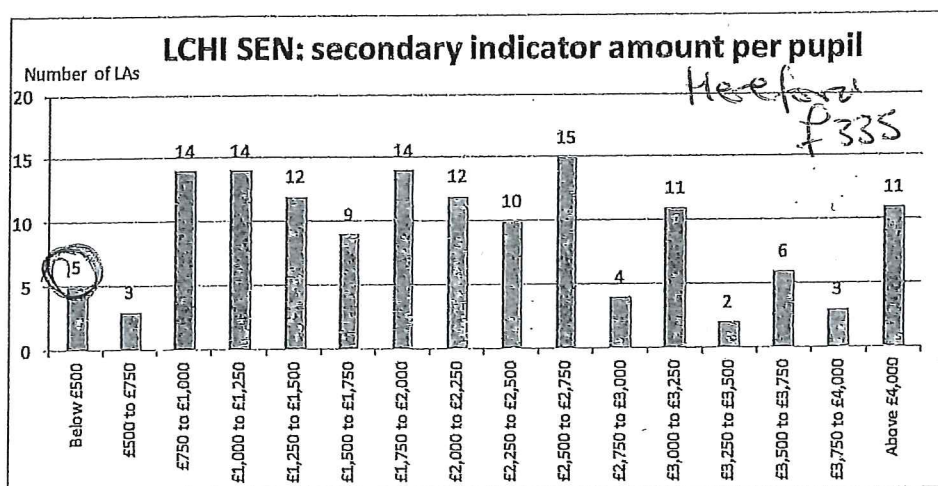
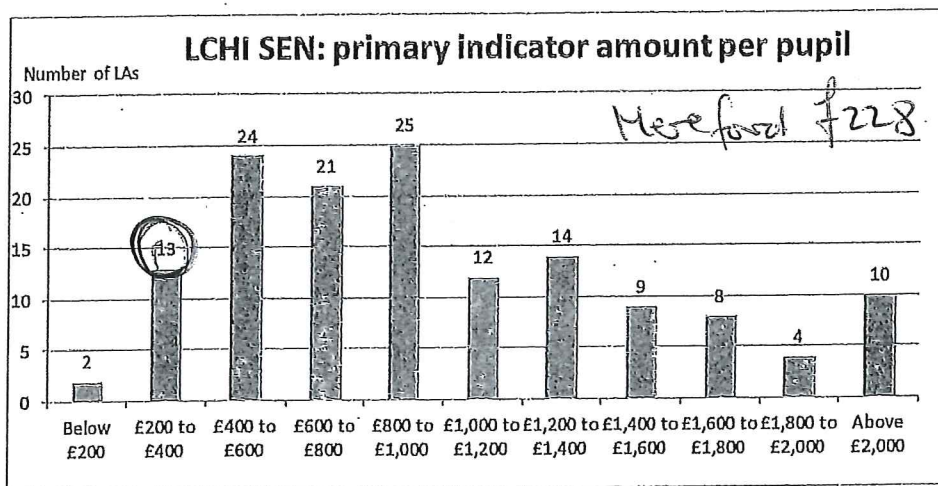


Low cost, high incidence Special Educational Needs

Use of this factor is optional, with 142 local authorities using the indicator for primary pupils and 145 the indicator for secondary pupils; six are not using this factor at all. For primary pupils, local authorities could use one of two indicators: either pupils who do not achieve 78 points or more, or pupils who do not achieve 73 points or more, in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile. For secondary pupils a single indicator was available: the number of pupils who fail to achieve Level 4 or above in both English and Mathematics at Key Stage 2. There is considerable variation in the per-pupil amounts selected. They range from £115 to £7,211 for the primary indicator and from £160 to £10,688 for the secondary indicator.



The chart below shows that 70 per cent of the local authorities are allocating between 2 per cent and 6 per cent of their total funding through this factor.

Deprivation

This is another mandatory factor which every local authority must use in their 2013-14 formula. Local authorities can distribute their Deprivation funding using two indicators: children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM; which could be either straight FSM or Ever 6); or Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) data; or both.

Because of the different permutations of deprivation indicator selections available for local authorities use for this factor, it is not immediately straightforward to calculate per-pupil funding amounts on a comparable basis. For the purpose of this analysis, total funding allocated through the Deprivation factors is divided by the number of FSM pupils, to obtain an estimate of the deprivation funding per FSM pupil, as below.

$$\text{Total Deprivation per FSM pupil for each LA} = \left(\frac{\text{Total Deprivation funding in FSM+IDACI}}{\text{Number of FSM pupils}} \right)$$

The first chart below indicates that there is some variation between local authorities in the amount of funding allocated per FSM pupil. Two-thirds are allocating between £1,250 and £2,750 per FSM pupil.

