

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Schools Forum****12th June 2014****Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults****2013-14 Early Years Benchmarking****1. Purpose of the Report**

To inform the Schools Forum of the publication of 2013-14 Early Years Benchmarking data.

2. Information and Analysis

The DfE has recently published Early Years Benchmarking Tables based on 2013-14 data. The tables provide both financial and non-financial data on issues such as the funding and achievement of 2, 3 and 4 year olds, the take up of free provision and the quality of early years settings.

This report deals with the financial aspects of the published data as these are relevant to the decisions which will need to be taken about the allocation of the potential additional £14m via 'Fairer Schools Funding' in 2015-16.

The intention is to provide a further report on the non-financial aspects of the tables later in the year. In the meantime, the full information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-benchmarking-tool>

2.1 Financial Data

Unfortunately the useable financial data is somewhat limited. Whilst individual, detailed Early Years Funding pro-formas for each LA have been made available, it is difficult to make meaningful comparisons. Derbyshire uses a relatively simple formula with a consistent Base Rate across all providers and additional funding for deprivation (all settings), non-term time commitments (schools) and a few specific factors for nursery schools such as Rates and a Lump Sum

Other LAs have complex formulae which use differential Base Rates for each of the various settings (e.g. private, voluntary, independent, child minders, schools, academies, etc.) plus Deprivation, Quality, Flexibility, Sustainability and various other ad hoc supplements.

The DfE has therefore provided comparative data based on **Total Funding** divided by **Total FTE Pupils** or **Total Hours provided**. This report analyses the latter to provide a comparison of 'overall rates per hour'.

Appendix 1 shows the overall funding per hour across all types of settings; Appendix 2 breaks this figure down into a PVI, Nursery School and Nursery Unit rate per hour. Both appendices use detailed data for Derbyshire plus 10 local authorities that are either on the borders of Derbyshire or are close enough geographically to make meaningful comparisons. They also provide average, median, minimum and maximum figures for other groupings where available.

The data suggests that Derbyshire's average funding rates per hour are higher than the average/median whether compared to the Selected Group, Upper Tier (Shire) or to All England LAs.

Whilst data has also been provided for 2 year old funding, it largely suggests that in 2013-14 LAs were planning to fund this age group at a rate consistent with the grant income available, i.e. £4.85 per hour in the case of Derbyshire. Appendix 3 provides the figures for the same selected group of LAs.

3. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime & disorder, equality of opportunity, and environmental, financial, health, human resources, legal & human rights, property and transport considerations.

4. Background Papers

DfE Early Years benchmarking information 2013-14.

5. Strategic Director's Recommendations

Schools Forum is asked to comment on the information in this report and note that a further report covering the non-financial elements of the data will be brought to a future meeting.

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2013-14 AVERAGE FUNDING RATE PER HOUR: ALL 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS

(See Note)

| | AVERAGE ACROSS <u>ALL</u> SETTINGS £ | | AVERAGE ACROSS <u>ALL</u> SETTINGS £ |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Derbyshire | 4.32 | | |
| Derby City | 4.48 | | |
| Leicester City | 3.56 | | |
| Leicestershire | 3.56 | | |
| Lincolnshire | 3.81 | | |
| Nottingham City | 4.13 | | |
| Nottinghamshire | 3.77 | | |
| Sheffield | 3.95 | | |
| Staffordshire | 3.34 | | |
| Stockport | 4.61 | | |
| Tameside | 3.31 | | |
| DCC Rank (out of 11) | 3 | DCC Rank (out of 27 Shires) | 4 |
| LA Selection Median | 3.81 | Upper Tier (Shire) Median | 4.00 |
| LA Selection Minimum | 3.31 | Upper Tier (Shire) Minimum | 3.34 |
| LA Selection Maximum | 4.61 | Upper Tier (Shire) Maximum | 4.72 |
| England Average | 4.21 | | |
| England Median | 4.04 | | |
| England Minimum | 2.99 | | |
| England Maximum | 6.81 | | |

NOTE:Calculated as **Total Overall Funding** divided by **Total Overall Hours**This is therefore **NOT** the same as a Base Rate per hour

2013-14 AVERAGE FUNDING RATE PER HOUR: ALL 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS

(See Note)

| | PVI £ | NURSERY SCHOOLS £ | NURSERY UNITS £ |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Derbyshire | 3.78 | 6.95 | 4.65 |
| Derby City | 3.93 | 8.55 | 3.89 |
| Leicester City | 3.62 | - | 3.50 |
| Leicestershire | 3.55 | 6.57 | - |
| Lincolnshire | 3.57 | 6.46 | 4.02 |
| Nottingham City | 4.19 | 6.05 | 4.05 |
| Nottinghamshire | 3.78 | - | 3.76 |
| Sheffield | 3.87 | 4.87 | 4.01 |
| Staffordshire | 3.47 | 8.39 | 3.02 |
| Stockport | 4.27 | 7.41 | 4.30 |
| Tameside | 3.28 | - | 3.33 |
| DCC Rank (out of 11) | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| LA Selection Median | 3.78 | 6.76 | 3.95 |
| LA Selection Minimum | 3.28 | 4.87 | 3.02 |
| LA Selection Maximum | 4.27 | 8.55 | 4.65 |
| England Average | 3.92 | 7.31 | 4.25 |
| England Median | 3.92 | 7.13 | 4.07 |
| England Minimum | 3.10 | 3.01 | 2.65 |
| England Maximum* | 6.00 | 26.44 | 7.67 |

**Per DfE: quality of data issues*

N.B. Upper Tier (Shire) data not available at this level

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Appendix 3

2013-14 AVERAGE FUNDING RATE PER HOUR: 2 YEAR OLDS

(See Note)

| | PLANNED SPENDING £ | GRANT RATE £ | | PLANNED SPENDING £ | GRANT RATE £ |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Derbyshire | 4.85 | 4.85 | | | |
| Derby City | 4.85 | 4.85 | | | |
| Leicester City | 4.90 | 4.85 | | | |
| Leicestershire | 4.85 | 4.85 | | | |
| Lincolnshire | 6.61 | 4.85 | | | |
| Nottingham City | 5.00 | 4.88 | | | |
| Nottinghamshire | - | 4.88 | | | |
| Sheffield | 5.05 | 4.85 | | | |
| Staffordshire | 4.85 | 4.85 | | | |
| Stockport | - | 4.95 | | | |
| Tameside | 4.85 | 4.95 | | | |
| DCC Rank (out of 11) | 5 | 5 | | | |
| LA Selection Median | 4.85 | 4.85 | Upper Tier (Shire) Median | 5.06 | 4.88 |
| LA Selection Minimum | 4.85 | 4.85 | Upper Tier (Shire) Minimum | 4.74 | 4.85 |
| LA Selection Maximum | 6.61 | 4.95 | Upper Tier (Shire) Maximum | 6.79 | 5.49 |
| England Average | 5.27 | 5.09 | | | |
| England Median | 5.00 | 4.93 | | | |
| England Minimum | 4.50 | 4.85 | | | |
| England Maximum | 9.99 | 7.08 | | | |

NOTE:

Calculated as **Total Overall Funding** divided by **Total Overall Hours**

This is therefore **NOT** the same as a Base Rate per hour