



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

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Dear ,

ATISN 13173 - ALN Post-19 Funding

Thank you for your request of the 19 May 2019 with regard to the transfer of post-19 funding for education and training to local authorities, the specifics of which I reflected in my letter of 22 May.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government.

The allocation of funding for additional learning provision (ALP) for young people with additional learning needs (ALN), to local authorities has not yet been agreed.

The Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018 ('the Act') defines 'ALP' for a person aged three or over as 'educational or training' provision that is additional to, or different from, that made generally for others of the same age in mainstream maintained schools and mainstream institutions in the further education sector in Wales.

The regulatory impact assessment that accompanied the Act set out that the costs of post-16 specialist placements will transfer in due course from the Welsh Government to local authorities, to assist them to deliver their duties under the Act in respect of providing ALP for young people with ALN who may require ALP which is beyond what is reasonable for a mainstream FEI to secure.

The Welsh Government is liaising with the Distribution Sub Group (DSG), on the distribution of this funding to local authorities in the future. DSG is a technical working group comprising

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of officials from the WLGA, local government, and independent members. The purpose of the group is to consider matters relating to the distribution of the annual local government revenue settlement and they can advise on the distribution of specific grant funding. At this time, it is not proposed by the Welsh Government that this funding should be ring fenced, but this has not yet been agreed.

The Minister for Education has stated her intention for the Act to commence from September 2020, phased in over a three-year implementation period. Consideration is currently being given to the timing of the implementation of local authorities' duties in relation to securing ALP for young people with ALN, and the associated timing of the transfer of funding to deliver these duties.

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Yours sincerely