

## **Post 16 High Needs Funding Update 2013/14**

### **Cirencester College – new funding responsibility from September 2013**

- The funding position since July Schools Forum remains unchanged. 5 learners identified by the LA who meet the High Needs Criteria have been funded at £38,680. A total of **£84,000** has been allocated due to 14 Element 2 places being allocated and there is no process for redistribution. The additional £45,320 is being used to provide places for late applicants. The LA is working with Cirencester College to identify any changes to placements (new or where placements have not been taken up by young people) since the beginning of term.

### **New College - new funding responsibility from September 2013**

- The funding position since July Schools Forum remains unchanged.
- The LA is working with New College to identify any changes to the agreed 43 HNS placements (new or where placements have not been taken up by young people) since the beginning of term.
- The College have confirmed that within the total funding made available they will provide places for the 23 students which they felt were HNS but did not meet the LAs criteria. They have subsequently indicated that there may be further young people who fall in to this category. There is no funding implication for the LA for these young people.
- The total funding allocation to New College, including an agreed 21% uplift is therefore currently at **£438,000**.

### **Swindon College- new funding responsibility from September 2013**

- 64 students identified by the LA as having High Needs were funded at **£790,855** including an agreed 21% uplift
- In July the Schools Forum did not agree to fund 52 students identified by Swindon College as requiring additional funding but assessed by the LA as not meeting the HN criteria. The requested value of the additional funding was £462,838. Swindon College agreed to place 50 of these learners with the overall funding available and additional funding was allocated by the LA for the remaining two pupils.
- The LA is working with Swindon College to identify any changes to the agreed 64 placements (new or where placements have not been taken up by young people) since the beginning of term.

### **Potential Late Applicants - new funding responsibility from September 2013**

- At July Schools Forum an allocation of £656,500 was agreed from September 2013 – August 2014 to meet the needs of 81 Young People who were identified as High Needs Students where an application had not been received.
- Subsequently the LA has received requests for additional funding for 35 of the 81 learners who have made applications to local FE Colleges. The LA has allocated

**£305,960** to meet the needs of these learners from the allocation agreed at the July Schools Forum

- As a number of placements remain unconfirmed the LA is assuming at this stage that the balance of funding (**£350,540**) will be utilised during 2013-14..
- 11 learners are no longer considered High Needs or have gone to ISP placements.
- The remaining learners have been referred to the Youth Engagement Service to follow up regarding education options. It must be noted that in the first few weeks of term there is still a high volume of new registrations at FE and alternative Post 16 provision.

#### Uplands Post 19 - new funding responsibility from September 2013

- Joint Commissioning between Education and Adult Health and Social Care took place in July.
- 9.2 FTE placements have been agreed with all placements being jointly funded with Adult Health and Social Care. The net annual contribution from DSG is estimated at **£116,500** which is lower than the figure of £187,000 reported to Schools Forum as a result of the commissioning process which secured funding from Adult Social Care.
- The agreed cost of each placement is based on the Place Plus Top Up funding agreed by the Schools Forum for special schools adjusted to recognise that some placements will be part time. As with all special school placements bandings will be subject to moderation.

#### Independent Specialist Providers - new funding responsibility from September 2013

- All placements for September 2013 have been made following review by the LA's Complex Needs Resource Panel (CNRP) to ensure appropriateness of placement and joint funding where appropriate to ensure value for money is secured.
- There has been an increase in placements at Independent Specialist Providers from 24 placements to 28 placements since the July 2013 schools Forum.
- The revised estimated annual cost for the 28 placements is **£1,021,831** which represents a saving from the estimate of £1,356,800 reported to the July Schools Forum. This is due to:
  1. Fee reductions for individual High Cost learners negotiated with providers totalling £126,264.
  2. Negotiated increased contributions by Adult and Children's Social Care for a number of residential placements totalling £256,365.
  3. SBC invoices are lower than anticipated because providers are excluding element 1 costs from their invoices on the basis that they will receive this funding from EFA on a lagged basis next year which reduces our annual spend by £160,439.
  4. Cost of 4 new placements since the original budget was set are estimated at £208,099
- The net reduction in costs for the year on agreed placements is £334,969

#### Uplands Sixth Form – existing funding responsibility

- No change is reported to the Uplands Post 16 sixth form Allocation. These 44 students have been assessed as part of the LAs banding and moderation system established for special school funding.
- Annual financial year funding will be based on the place plus methodology and is estimated at **£993,947** (£22,589 per student) although the banding system is being revised from April 2014 so that there is greater consistency between Special Schools and Special Resource Provision.

#### Out of Borough, Special Schools and mainstream sixth forms – existing responsibilities

- These 32 continuing placements have been commissioned by the LA
  - Mainstream sixth form funding is provided by the LAs SENRAP panel
  - Out of Borough placements are commissioned by the LA following value for money assessments by the Multi Agency Panel
- The on-going costs of these 32 continuing placements commissioned by the LA are estimated at **£887,414** (£27,732 per student) which is £63,406 lower than the July estimate of £950,820. Costs are made up from
  - £28,800 for mainstream SBC sixth forms
  - £692,376 for Non Maintained Special Schools and Independent Specialist providers
  - £166,238 for Other LA sixth form placements