Department for Education

The Local SEND Reform Plan

2026-27 Quarterly Data

Financial summary

1. Forecast expenditure for High Needs Block (£000)				
	Initial forecast for 2026-27	2nd quarter revision	3rd quarter revision	4th quarter revision
Early Years settings including PVIs	£0.000	£0.000		
Mainstream school or academy placements	£6,684.965	£7,293.949		
Specialist bases in mainstream settings	£783.817	£783.817		
Maintained special school or special academy placements	£17,075.193	£17,175.193		
NMSS or independent school placements	£3,494.412	£3,620.000		
Alternative Provision placements	£4,556.381	£4,564.481		
Hospital school placements	£483.300	£438.700		
Mainstream Post 16 provision	£3,475.000	£3,591.000		
Specialist Post-16 institutions	£10.000	£10.000		
Health, social care, therapy services and care provision	£0.000	£0.000		
Other spend	-£253.816	-£208.700		
Total	£36,309.252	£37,268.440	£0.000	£0.000
Block transfers	£0.000	£0.000		
Other income	-£295.000	-£145.000		
Total net	£36,014.252	£37,123.440	£0.000	£0.000

1.1 Forecast expenditure against total DSG (£000)				
	Initial forecast for 2026-27	2nd quarter revision	3rd quarter revision	4th quarter revision
Outturn DSG expenditure	£167,157.850	£168,791.626		
Total expenditure against DSG	£167,157.850	£168,791.626	£0.000	£0.000
Total expected DSG income	-£162,757.850	-£162,988.626		
Other income	£0.000	£0.000		
Total in-year surplus (-) or deficit (+)	£4,400.000	£5,803.000	£0.000	£0.000

Assumptions	Data Confidence RAG
Category changes from last template presented challenges ensuring cohorts were accurately represented.	Amber Green

2. Current and forecast unit cost of support for children and young people with an ECHP by setting type (£000)				
	Initial forecast for 2026-27	2nd quarter revision	3rd quarter revision	4th quarter revision

Early Years settings including PVIs	£0.000	£0.000		
Mainstream school or academy placements	£9.948	£9.846		
Specialist bases in mainstream settings	£17.040	£16.677		
Maintained special school or special academy placements	£31.159	£31.114		
NMSS or independent school placements	£87.360	£90.500		
Alternative Provision placements	£31.323	£31.407		
Hospital school placements	£22.118	£10.968		
Mainstream Post 16 provision	£11.469	£11.851		
Specialist Post-16 institutions	£0.139	£0.143		
Health, social care, therapy services and care provision	£0.000	£0.000		
Other spend	-£2.447	-£2.734		
Total	£208.109	£199.772	£0.000	£0.000
Block transfers	£0.000	£0.000		
Other income	£0.000	£0.000		
Total net	£208.109	£199.772	£0.000	£0.000

Assumptions	Data Confidence RAG
Category changes from last template presented challenges ensuring cohorts were accurately represented.	**Amber Green**

3. Forecast SEN transport expenditure (£000)

	Initial forecast for 2026-27	2nd quarter revision	3rd quarter revision	4th quarter revision
Pre-16 SEN expenditure	£3,063.979	£3,008.669		
Post-16 SEN expenditure	£149.130	£147.070		
Total expenditure	£0.000	£3,155.739	£0.000	£0.000

Assumptions	Data Confidence RAG
Actual included. Unable to add a total to Q1 as it's a protected sheet.	**Green**

Children and young people (CYP) summary

4. Number of all CYP in local area categorised by age

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Under 5	5,349	5,349		
Age 5 to 10	7,872	7,872		
Age 11 to 15	7,686	7,686		
Age 16 to 19	5,710	5,710		
Age 20 to 25	6,906	6,906		
Total number by age group	**33,522**	**33,522**	**0**	**0**

Assumptions	Data Confidence RAG
Figures are based on the latest available ONS population projections and will not vary between quarterly returns unless updated projections are published.	**Green**

5. Number of all CYP with EHC plans or receiving top ups by age

	5.1 Total number of EHC plans by age group			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Under 5	21	39		
Age 5 to 10	526	561		

Age 11 to 15	708	735		
Age 16 to 19	519	498		
Age 20 to 25	137	124		
Total number	**1,911**	**1,957**	**0**	**0**

Assumptions	Data Confidence RAG
Original annual forecasts were based on the position at January each year: 1,835 at January 2026 and 1,958 at January 2027.	Green

	5.2 Total number of CYP receiving individual top ups with no EHC plan by age group			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Under 5	0	0		
Age 5 to 10	13	13		
Age 11 to 15	17	17		
Age 16 to 19	2	2		
Age 20 to 25	0	0		
Total number	**32**	**32**	**0**	**0**

Assumptions	Data Confidence RAG
Claification required - due to changes in template categories this may fluctuate in further quarters	Amber Green

	5.3 Total number of CYP supported by the High Needs Block with no EHC plan or individual top up			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Under 5	4	4		
Age 5 to 10	40	40		
Age 11 to 15	140	140		
Age 16 to 19	1	1		
Age 20 to 25	0	0		
Total number	**185**	**185**	**0**	**0**

Assumptions	Data Confidence RAG
Claification required - due to changes in template categories this may fluctuate in further quarters	Amber Green

6. Number of all CYP with EHC plans by provision

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Early Years settings including PVIs	1	2		
Mainstream school or academy placements	640	709		
Specialist bases in mainstream settings	46	47		
Maintained special schools or special academies	548	552		
NMSS or independent schools - LA funded placements	40	40		
NMSS or independent schools - other suitable arrangements	0	0		
Alternative Provision	2	2		
Mainstream Post 16 provision	303	303		
Mainstream Post 16 specialist provision	0	0		
Specialist Post-16 institutions	72	70		
Elective Home Education (EHE)	32	32		
Other arrangements by LA (EOTAS)	94	94		
Other (including hospital schools where applicable)	133	106		

Total number	**1,911**	**1,957**	**0**	**0**

Assumptions	Data Confidence RAG
Original annual forecasts were based on the position at January each year: 1,835 at January 2026 and 1,958 at January 2027.	Green

7. Number of all CYP with EHC plans by primary need

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	591	602		
Hearing Impairment	13	14		
Moderate Learning Difficulty	206	202		
Multi- Sensory Impairment	1	1		
Physical Disability	97	97		
Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty	14	13		
Social, Emotional and Mental Health	511	529		
Speech, Language and Communications needs	368	387		
Severe Learning Difficulty	50	47		
Specific Learning Difficulty	39	43		
Visual Impairment	9	9		
Other Difficulty/Disability	12	13		
SEN support but no specialist assessment of type of need	0	0		
Total number of EHC plans by primary need	**1,911**	**1,957**	**0**	**0**

7.1 Number of all CYP with EHC plans in Early Years Settings including PVIs by primary need

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	0	0		
Hearing Impairment	0	0		
Moderate Learning Difficulty	0	0		
Multi- Sensory Impairment	0	0		
Physical Disability	1	1		
Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty	0	0		
Social, Emotional and Mental Health	0	1		
Speech, Language and Communications needs	0	0		
Severe Learning Difficulty	0	0		
Specific Learning Difficulty	0	0		
Visual Impairment	0	0		
Other Difficulty/Disability	0	0		
SEN support but no specialist assessment of type of need	0	0		
Total number of EHC plans by primary need	**1**	**2**	**0**	**0**

7.2 Number of all CYP with EHC plans in Mainstream Settings or Academy Placements by primary need

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	175	195		
Hearing Impairment	9	10		
Moderate Learning Difficulty	51	54		
Multi- Sensory Impairment	1	1		
Physical Disability	34	36		
Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty	0	0		
Social, Emotional and Mental Health	157	178		
Speech, Language and Communications needs	178	195		
Severe Learning Difficulty	1	1		

Specific Learning Difficulty	20	24		
Visual Impairment	4	4		
Other Difficulty/Disability	10	11		
SEN support but no specialist assessment of type of need	0	0		
Total number of EHC plans by primary need	**640**	**709**	**0**	**0**

	7.3 Number of all CYP with EHC plans in Specialist Bases by primary need			
	Q1	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	17	18		
Hearing Impairment	0	0		
Moderate Learning Difficulty	0	0		
Multi- Sensory Impairment	0	0		
Physical Disability	0	0		
Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty	0	0		
Social, Emotional and Mental Health	12	12		
Speech, Language and Communications needs	17	17		
Severe Learning Difficulty	0	0		
Specific Learning Difficulty	0	0		
Visual Impairment	0	0		
Other Difficulty/Disability	0	0		
SEN support but no specialist assessment of type of need	0	0		
Total number of EHC plans by primary need	**46**	**47**	**0**	**0**

	7.4 Number of all CYP with EHC plans in Maintained Special Schools or Special Academies by primary need			
	Q1	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	197	198		
Hearing Impairment	1	1		
Moderate Learning Difficulty	69	69		
Multi- Sensory Impairment	0	0		
Physical Disability	28	28		
Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty	9	9		
Social, Emotional and Mental Health	89	92		
Speech, Language and Communications needs	107	107		
Severe Learning Difficulty	33	33		
Specific Learning Difficulty	13	13		
Visual Impairment	2	2		
Other Difficulty/Disability	0	0		
SEN support but no specialist assessment of type of need	0	0		
Total number of EHC plans by primary need	**548**	**552**	**0**	**0**

	7.5 Number of all CYP with EHC plans in Non-Maintained Special Schools or Independent Schools by primary need			
	Q1	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	12	12		
Hearing Impairment	0	0		
Moderate Learning Difficulty	1	1		
Multi- Sensory Impairment	0	0		
Physical Disability	0	0		
Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty	0	0		
Social, Emotional and Mental Health	22	22		
Speech, Language and Communications needs	2	2		
Severe Learning Difficulty	2	2		

Specific Learning Difficulty	1	1		
Visual Impairment	0	0		
Other Difficulty/Disability	0	0		
SEN support but no specialist assessment of type of need	0	0		
Total number of EHC plans by primary need	**40**	**40**	**0**	**0**

	7.6 Number of all CYP with EHC plans in Alternative Provision by primary need			
	Q1	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	49	39		
Hearing Impairment	0	0		
Moderate Learning Difficulty	20	14		
Multi- Sensory Impairment	0	0		
Physical Disability	9	7		
Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty	4	3		
Social, Emotional and Mental Health	60	53		
Speech, Language and Communications needs	18	20		
Severe Learning Difficulty	6	3		
Specific Learning Difficulty	0	0		
Visual Impairment	0	0		
Other Difficulty/Disability	1	1		
SEN support but no specialist assessment of type of need	0	0		
Total number of EHC plans by primary need	**167**	**140**	**0**	**0**

	7.7 Number of all CYP with EHC plans in Post-16 (Further Education or Specialist Further Education) Settings by primary need			
	Q1	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	113	112		
Hearing Impairment	3	3		
Moderate Learning Difficulty	59	58		
Multi- Sensory Impairment	0	0		
Physical Disability	20	20		
Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty	0	0		
Social, Emotional and Mental Health	131	131		
Speech, Language and Communications needs	32	32		
Severe Learning Difficulty	8	8		
Specific Learning Difficulty	5	5		
Visual Impairment	3	3		
Other Difficulty/Disability	1	1		
SEN support but no specialist assessment of type of need	0	0		
Total number of EHC plans by primary need	**375**	**373**	**0**	**0**

	7.8 Number of all CYP with EHC plans accessing Education Other Than At School (EOTAS) by primary need			
	Q1	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	28	28		
Hearing Impairment	0	0		
Moderate Learning Difficulty	6	6		
Multi- Sensory Impairment	0	0		
Physical Disability	5	5		
Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty	1	1		
Social, Emotional and Mental Health	40	40		
Speech, Language and Communications needs	14	14		
Severe Learning Difficulty	0	0		

Specific Learning Difficulty	0	0		
Visual Impairment	0	0		
Other Difficulty/Disability	0	0		
SEN support but no specialist assessment of type of need	0	0		
Total number of EHC plans by primary need	**94**	**94**	**0**	**0**

Assumptions	Data Confidence RAG
Please note due to template assumptions 7.8 includes other temporary placement cohorts outside of EOTAS.	Amber Red

8. Number of all CYP with SEN in local area not in education, employment or training

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Under 5	0	0		
Age 5 to 10	0	0		
Age 11 to 15	0	0		
Age 16 to 19	24	28		
Age 20 to 25	0	0		
Total number by age group	**24**	**28**	**0**	**0**

Assumptions	Data Confidence RAG
Data for year groups 12 -13 only. Data for 20-5 is not yet robust. LA working on creating a more robust data collection.	Red

9. Number of all EHC Needs Assessment requests by CYP age

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Under 5	15	6		
Age 5 to 10	48	42		
Age 11 to 15	34	24		
Age 16 to 19	7	6		
Age 20 to 25	2	0		
Total number by age group	**106**	**78**	**0**	**0**

Assumptions	Data Confidence RAG
	Green

10. Number of all EHC Needs Assessments by CYP age

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Under 5	16	12		
Age 5 to 10	38	24		
Age 11 to 15	26	24		
Age 16 to 19	2	4		
Age 20 to 25	0	0		
Total number by age group	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Assumptions	Data Confidence RAG
Unable to add a total to Q1 as it's a protected sheet.	Green

11. Number of all EHC Needs Assessments that result in an EHCP

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Under 5	15	12		
Age 5 to 10	35	21		
Age 11 to 15	19	18		
Age 16 to 19	2	2		
Age 20 to 25	0	0		
Total number by age group	**71**	**53**	**0**	**0**

Assumptions	Data Confidence RAG
	Green

12. Number of all new EHCPs issued

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Under 5	14	16		
Age 5 to 10	39	31		
Age 11 to 15	28	20		
Age 16 to 19	3	1		
Age 20 to 25	0	0		
Total number by age group	**84**	**68**	**0**	**0**

Assumptions	Data Confidence RAG
	Green

Health, social care, therapy services and care summary

13. Professional workforce FTE

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Speech and Language Therapists (SaLTs)	11.82	12.28		
Speech and Language Therapists (SaLTs) support workers	3.20	2.60		
Occupational Therapists (OTs)	12.77	12.84		
Occupational Therapists (OTs) support workers	1.64	1.64		
Educational Psychologists (EPs)	8.15	9.15		
Educational Psychologists (EPs) support workers	0.00	0.00		
Specialist teachers	0.00	0.00		
Speech and Language Therapist advanced practitioner	0.00	0.00		
Total	**38**	**39**	**0**	**0**

Assumptions	Data Confidence RAG
Actual included	No Input

14. Number of mainstream settings supported by SaLTs, OT's, EP's and respective support workers

	14.1 Number of mainstream settings supported by EAH Speech and Language Therapists and support workers

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Early years	0.00	0.00		
Primary	0.00	0.00		
Secondary	0.00	0.00		
All through - 5 to 16	0.00	0.00		
Post 16	0.00	0.00		
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

14.2 Number of mainstream settings supported by EAH Occupational Therapists (OTs) and support workers

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Early years	0.00	0.00		
Primary	0.00	0.00		
Secondary	0.00	0.00		
All through - 5 to 16	0.00	0.00		
Post 16	0.00	0.00		
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

14.3 Number of mainstream settings supported by EAH Educational Psychologists (EPs) and support workers

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Early years	0.00	0.00		
Primary	0.00	0.00		
Secondary	0.00	0.00		
All through - 5 to 16	0.00	0.00		
Post 16	0.00	0.00		
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

14.4 Number of mainstream settings supported by Specialist Teachers

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Early years	0.00	0.00		
Primary	0.00	0.00		
Secondary	0.00	0.00		
All through - 5 to 16	0.00	0.00		
Post 16	0.00	0.00		
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Assumptions	Data Confidence RAG
	No Input

15. Total planned LA and ICB spend on professionals (£000)

	Initial forecast for 2026-27	2nd quarter revision	3rd quarter revision	4th quarter revision
Speech and Language Therapists (SaLTs)	£662.000	£640.807	£0.000	£0.000
Speech and Language Therapists (SaLTs) support workers	£180.000	£180.495	£0.000	£0.000
Occupational Therapists (OTs)	£489.517	£737.188	£0.000	£0.000
Occupational Therapists (OTs) support workers	£64.620	£64.620	£0.000	£0.000
Educational Psychologists (EPs)	£990.900	£891.380	£0.000	£0.000
Educational Psychologists (EPs) support workers	£0.000	£0.000	£0.000	£0.000
Specialist teachers	£0.000	£286.543	£0.000	£0.000
Total	**£2,387.037**	**£2,801.033**	**£0.000**	**£0.000**

	15.1 Total planned LA spend on professionals (£000)			
	Initial forecast for 2026-27	2nd quarter revision	3rd quarter revision	4th quarter revision
Speech and Language Therapists (SaLTs)	£0.000	£0.000		
Speech and Language Therapists (SaLTs) support workers	£0.000	£0.000		
Occupational Therapists (OTs)	£0.000	£0.000		
Occupational Therapists (OTs) support workers	£0.000	£0.000		
Educational Psychologists (EPs)	£990.900	£891.380		
Educational Psychologists (EPs) and support workers	£0.000	£0.000		
Specialist teachers	£0.000	£286.543		
Total	**£990.900**	**£1,177.923**	**£0.000**	**£0.000**

	15.2 Total planned ICB spend on professionals (£000)			
	Initial forecast for 2026-27	2nd quarter revision	3rd quarter revision	4th quarter revision
Speech and Language Therapists (SaLTs)	£662.000	£640.807		
Speech and Language Therapists (SaLTs) support workers	£180.000	£180.495		
Occupational Therapists (OTs)	£489.517	£737.188		
Occupational Therapists (OTs) support workers	£64.620	£64.620		
Total	**£1,396.137**	**£1,623.110**	**£0.000**	**£0.000**

Assumptions	Data Confidence RAG
The ICB and LA have a section 75 agreement in place, to avoid duplication and double counting we have included the health professionals within the ICB spend. The Specialist Teacher 2nd quarter revision is based on contractual spend for EAH.	**Amber Green**

16. Number of CYP without EHCP or specialist placement supported by specialists and support workers

	16.1 Number of CYP without EHCP or specialist placement supported by Speech & Language Specialists and support workers			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Under 5	24	25		
Age 5 to 10	70	70		
Age 11 to 15	12	12		
Age 16 to 19	3	3		
Age 20 to 25	0	0		
Total	109	110	0	0

	16.2 Number of CYP without EHCP or specialist placement supported by Occupational Therapists and support workers			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Under 5	4	4		
Age 5 to 10	15	15		
Age 11 to 15	7	7		
Age 16 to 19	3	3		
Age 20 to 25	0	0		
Total	29	29	0	0

	15.3 Number of CYP without EHCP or specialist placement supported by Educational Psychologists and support workers			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Under 5	0	9		
Age 5 to 10	0	55		
Age 11 to 15	0	12		

Age 16 to 19	0	0		
Age 20 to 25	0	0		
Total	0	76	0	0

Assumptions	Data Confidence RAG
This data is not currently recorded as standard within the Electronic Patient Record System used by CFHD/DPT. These figures are based on current open caseloads for service. EP data submitted under Quarter 2 includes CYP involvement during both Quarter 1 and 2. During this period, reporting was such that it wasn't possible to attribute the involvement to one three-month period. We have put in place measures to address this going forward	**Red**

Tribunal appeals

17. Rate of Tribunal appeals

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Appeal lodged	45.00	42.00		

Assumptions	Data Confidence RAG
Actual appeals included.	**Green**