

**School Forum 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019**  
**SEND Call for Evidence**

---

**Introduction**

The Local Authority and partner agencies have received notification of the following call for evidence.

**SEND funding call for evidence**

As you will be aware, in December 2018 the Secretary of State announced our intention to hold a call for evidence on the current funding arrangements for those with special educational needs, those with disabilities, and those who require alternative provision.

This call for evidence is intended to help us understand how the current available funding is distributed, and what improvements to the financial arrangements could be made in future. We are also aware of the wider concerns about the overall amount of funding and the pressures on their budgets that many are reporting: we are separately looking carefully at this ahead of the next government Spending Review.

The call for evidence can be accessed at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/send-and-ap-provision-call-for-evidence> and will be open from now until 31 July 2019.

**Recommendations**

The Local Authority co-ordinates a task and finish group to gather intelligence from a number of perspectives and co-ordinates a Local Area response.

School Forum and Higher Needs Recovery Group Members have been asked to provide representation to the meeting planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019.

Rachael Williams  
Assistant Director Education, Learning and Skills