

Coral's Draft Summary assumption on the Comprehensive Spending review.

Highlight in 2017-18 on Education changes

School block budget

1. **National funding formula (NFF)**, details are not clear at present i.e. what does this mean?
 - Does it mean that each authority will have a NFF based on their APT?, will the DFE calculates the payment and passports it to Academies and SBC passports it to maintained schools?.
 - Or does it mean a national formula “toplicing the SBC DSG” and distributing the funding directly to schools via a school specific factor (i.e. 6th form funding) or indeed a national factor?
 - What about LA specific items i.e. PFI contribution to the DSG, business rates, different lump sums and ratios etc?.
 - What if any is the LA role?
 - Centrally retained I'm assuming the DFE will take this to implement their plans?
 - How is this formula going to address local issues i.e. Westminster is different to Slough and Slough is different to Norfolk etc.?
 - Transitional protection will be offered, not sure if this replaces MFG or works along side MFG? Need the details.
 - Whilst there appears to be some protection in cash terms, as costs are rising of salaries etc this is real term cut. Detailed consultation will begin in 2016.

High needs block budget

2. **Isos report** suggest a funding formula that may contain:
 - Deprivation, Prior attainment, disability and General Children's health.
 - DFE will do the modelling and are considering using the 0 -15 disability living allowance (DLA).
 - The DFE will consider removing notional SEN budgets from the funding system (school's block), risk needs to be identified?
 - More explicit role for local planning and commissioning of places in specialist settings in which LA are expected to collaboration with schools and play a central role. (Assuming Trust and SBC).
 - Post 16 place led funding to be included in the formula.
 - DFE consider publishing joint guidance with DH/NHS England that clearly describes the role of clinical commissioning group leads, in SEN on aspect of funding currently funded by education and could be or should be funded by health.

Early years block budget

3. Need more info. 30hours looks like it will come into force in **September 2017**, the income threshold has been increased to £100k for working parents making more parent eligible for free early years care. The effect may be a reduction in PVIs and a need for a extensive capital building programme in maintained nurseries. Not sure if Nurseries will be allowed to become Academies.

