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Cyllido Ysgolion yng Nghymru - Gwybodaeth Bellach | School Funding in Wales - Further Information

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Ymateb gan: Consortiwm Rhanbarthol

Response from: Regional Consortia

Cafwyd y wybodaeth am y gyllideb sydd ynghlwm gan y pedwar Consortiwm Rhanbarthol cyn y sesiwn dystiolaeth lafar ar 20 Mawrth 2019.

Regional Consortia Response - CSC

1) Financial contribution from each of the Local Authorities (£s).

Local Authority	2018-19
Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC	1,066,087
Bridgend CBC	605,892
Merthyr CBC	246,603
Vale of Glamorgan CBC	574,053
Cardiff CC	1,413,526
Total	3,906,161

2) Directly Funded Welsh Government Grants to the CSC

	2018-19
Welsh Government Funding to support the running of the Regional Consortia	0

3) Commissioned Regional Delivery of Grants from the 5 Local Authorities of CSC

Grant Name	School Improvement Regional Grant	Amount delegated to schools	Delegation Rate
	£	£	
Regional School Improvement Grant (RCSIG)*	46,280,755	43,475,342	93.94%
Pupil Development Grant (PDG)	31,501,321	31,204,984	99.06%
PDG (Lead Regional PDG Adviser)	100,000	0	0.00%
Total	77,882,076	74,680,326	95.89%

* LA match to School Improvement Grant £2,989,022

Total Income for 2018/19

LA Core Contributions	-£3,906,161
Other Income	-£222,827
Grant income	-£3,201,750
Total CSC Income	-£7,330,738
Total CSC Expenditure	£7,330,738

Regional Consortia Response - Education Achievement Service (EAS) (all funding below relates to the delivery of school improvement functions as detailed in the WG National Model for Regional Working)

The EAS is subject to a robust governance model that is underpinned by the Collaboration and Members Agreement (CAMA). The EAS is funded on an annual basis from three sources: LA core contributions, grants and service level agreements. A detailed spending plan accompanies the Business Plan which is intrinsically linked to all actions contained within it. A detailed overview of the regional distribution of all grants is available for all schools to view and compare through the regional grant monitoring tool.

1) Financial contribution from each of the Local Authorities to the EAS

Local Authority	EAS 'As Is' Model Aug 2012	2013/14	2014/15 (funding levels set by WG, based on RSG formula to LA)	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018-19	2019-20	% Movement 2011/12 to 2019/20
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Blaenau Gwent CBC	454,853	423,953	417,511	403,316	391,216	379,480	371,890	364,452	-20%
Caerphilly CBC	1,187,541	1,133,580	1,169,666	1,129,897	1,096,000	1,063,120	1,041,858	1,021,020	-14%
Monmouthshire CC	591,619	468,403	481,642	465,266	451,308	437,769	429,014	420,433	-29%
Newport CC	1,095,407	926,421	934,254	902,489	875,415	849,152	832,169	815,526	-26%
Torfaen CBC	940,858	760,016	600,536	580,118	562,714	545,833	534,916	524,218	-44%
Total	4,270,278	3,712,371	3,603,609	3,481,086	3,376,654	3,275,354	3,209,847	3,145,650	-26%

Total Efficiencies

-1,124,628

Total Staff FTE **135**

71 **-47%**

2) Summary of grants received from WG overtime

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018-19
No of Grants / Initiatives within grants	x6	x12	x22	x22	x53	x58
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Total £	18,984,000	26,156,000	52,703,000	56,082,000	52,034,000	51,988,066
Delegation* £	16,635,000	23,990,000	47,414,000	50,384,000	46,494,000	48,886,304
Delegation %	88%	92%	90%	90%	89%	94%

*Delegation: This refers to funding which gives freedom of choice to a school in how it is used. It must however be spent in accordance with, and in the spirit of, the core purpose of the grant and the individual school development plan.

The following circumstances will not be classed as delegated:

- Staff seconded from the LA or the consortium to a school(s) or a cluster(s)
- Staff working wholly or partly in schools and paid for from a local authority or consortium retained budget
- Staff or services that form part of an SLA – this type of activity will be classed as non -delegated
- Monies delegated from the consortium to a local authority.

3) Overview of grants 2018/2019 (There is a legal agreement in place between the LAs and the EAS that details the process that must be followed for the agreement and distribution of all grants)

Grant Name	Grant Total	Amount delegated* to schools	Delegation* Rate
	£	£	
School Improvement Grant (SIG)			
- Education Improvement Grant (EIG)*	24,195,402	22,451,032	93%
- Other grant initiatives	8,037,589	6,886,617	86%
Pupil Development Grant (PDG)	19,523,375	19,424,955	99%
PDG (Lead Regional PDG Adviser)	100,000	0	0%
Seren Pre 16	76,700	73,700	96%
Seren Post 16	55,000	50,000	91%
Total	51,988,066	48,886,304	94%

* Includes the match funding requirement £1,910,832

4) Reduction in income to the EAS overtime which was previously generated through a trading model with schools (Initially part of the funding model for the EAS since 2012)

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Income generated from delivery of services to schools	£1,247,884	£1,089,664	£924,853	£601,974	£447,460	£0	£0

5) Company Financial Forecast 2018/19

Total Income for 2018/19

LA Core Contributions	-£3,209,847
Grant Income	-£3,101,762
Service Level Agreement for Governor Support Services and other contract income	-£505,726
Total	-£6,817,335

Total cost for the delivery of the agree EAS Business Plan for 2018/19*

Total	£6,817,335
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*£300,000 of this figure is used to secure capacity within the Challenge Adviser team from current serving Headteachers

*£200,000 of this figure is used to secure service level agreements and venue costs sourced through Local Authorities

The EAS is a not for profit limited company that is owned by the five LAs in South East Wales. The EAS delivers, through an agreed Business Plan, a wide range of school improvement services to all schools (all key stages), pupil referral units and funded non-maintained nursery settings on behalf of each LA. This plan supports the role LAs have in delivering their statutory function, addressing their individual improvement priorities and promoting improved pupil outcomes. This Business Plan encompasses delivery across the following aspects:

- Monitor, challenge, support and intervention
- Curriculum, assessment and accountability reform
- Data collation, analysis and support (school, LA, region)
- Professional Learning: Teaching and Leadership
- Professional Learning: Teaching Assistants / Higher Level Teaching Assistants
- Equity and wellbeing
- Literacy, numeracy and digital
- Welsh language development
- Core and non-core subjects
- Support for governing bodies including professional learning
- National strategies, to include: Lead Creative Schools, Global Futures
- Specialist HR support
- Initial Teacher Education / Graduate Teacher Programme

Regional Consortia Response- ERW

1) Financial Contribution from each of the Local Authorities

Local Authority	2018-19
Powys	34,700
Ceredigion	18,500
Pembrokeshire	33,950
Carmarthenshire	52,810
Swansea	69,650
Neath Port Talbot	0
Total	209,610

* Neath Port Talbot Financial Contribution currently outstanding - £40,390

2) Commissioned Regional Delivery of Grants from the 6 Local Authorities of West Wales

Grant Name	School Improvement Regional Grant	Amount delegated to schools	Delegation Rate
	£	£	%
School Improvement Grant (RCSIG) *	47,645,467	39,823,062	83.58
Pupil Deprivation Grant (PDG)	24,392,333	23,639,878	96.92
PDG (Lead Regional PDG Adviser)	100,000	42,000	42.00
Total	72,137,800	63,504,940	88.03

* RCSIG - includes Local Authority Match funding £3,189,510

* EIG element of this grant	36,798,511	£ 31,985,549.61	£ 86.92
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Total Income for 2018/19

LA Core Contributions	209,610
Commissioned Grant Income	5,443,350
Match Funding	3,189,510
EWC	328,301
Total	9,170,771

Total Expenditure for 2018/19

Operating Costs	2,624,118
Core Services	843,112
EWC costs	328,301
ERW Central	3,795,531

EIG passported to LAs	32,635,001
Matchfunding	3,189,510
Total EIG resource in LAs	35,824,511
Amount delegated	-31,118,290
Remaining LA expenditure	4,706,221
PDG LAC passported to LAs	922,089
Amount delegated	-238,995
Remaining LA expenditure	683,094
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Amount delegated	-52,186	
Remaining LA expenditure		67,814
Local Authority costs		5,457,129
<i>(Note - this does not include LA regional costs funded by their RSG.</i>		
<i>LAs receive RSG - ERW received £210k of this)</i>		
Total ERW Central and LA		9,252,660

Net expenditure to come from ERW core reserves **81,889**

Regional Consortia Response - GwE

Context

Core Budget

GwE was set up in 2013 made up of the constituent parts of the school improvement services serving the six Local Authorities at that time. When setting up the new service the core budget allocated was £3.52 million. This was a 20% cut amounting to a £880k reduction to the core-staffing budget.

Given that the six LAs held a cumulative budget of £4.4 million in 2012/13, GwE has already delivered £1,010k of savings from the cumulative budget up to 2019/2020. This is a 23% reduction to the core.

In the same period there has been a 13% increase in costs through living wage, pay awards and an increase in teacher pension.

Grants

In 2014, the GwE region received grants totalling £34,298,655. The EIG element of the grant in 2019-20 will be £26,578,271. This is a 22.5% cut to the grant.

Regional School Improvement Budget - 2018/19			
<i>Your total annual budget, broken down by school improvement functions and Welsh Government grants</i>			
	Total £		
National Model Core Budget	4,144,109		
Welsh Government Regional Grants*	53,812,577		
Total	57,956,686		
<i>* Includes LA match to Education Improvement Grant £2,486,280</i>			
<i>How much of your annual budget is for your day to day school improvement functions, with details of what funding you receive for this from the member local authorities</i>			
	Total £		
GwE day to day school improvement functions	5,359,036		

Local Authority Contributions*	3,651,106		
WG Grants - specific projects	1,707,930		
<i>* Local Authority Contributions - elements of National Model with GwE's scope</i>			
	2018-19 £		
<i>Ynys Mon</i>	372,853		
<i>Gwynedd</i>	643,039		
<i>Conwy</i>	561,849		
<i>Denbighshire</i>	555,724		
<i>Flintshire</i>	826,825		
<i>Wrexham</i>	690,816		
Total	3,651,106		

How much Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant, broken down by Education Improvement Grant and other elements, you receive from the Welsh Government and the value and proportion of this that is delegated to local authorities and/or schools

Grant Name	Grant Amount £	Amount delegated £	Delegation Rate
School Improvement Grant (SIG)	9,206,062	7,279,098	78.00%
Education Improvement Grant (EIG)*	29,124,246	27,662,777	94.98%
Total	38,330,308	34,941,875	91.16%
<i>* Includes LA match to Education Improvement Grant £2,486,280</i>			

How much Pupil Development Grant you receive from the Welsh Government and delegate to schools.

Grant Name	Grant Amount £	Amount delegated £	Delegation Rate
Pupil Development Grant (PDG)	17,868,550	17,723,237	99.19%
PDG (Lead Regional PDG Adviser)	100,000	0	0.00%

Total	17,968,550	17,723,237	98.63%
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GwE Core Service

<i>Functions of current service</i>
1. School Improvement
2. Data collation, analysis and application
3. Delivery of the national system for categorising schools
4. Supporting the development of school leadership at all levels.
5. Regional coordination of the use of the Pupil Deprivation Grant in schools via a Regional Wellbeing Adviser. Also responsible for the LAC element.
6. Ensuring that the delivery of the national Literacy and Numeracy framework is effective across all schools and co-ordinate and quality assure the provision of training and development to achieve this.
7. Providing challenge to the performance and delivery of foundation phase maintained settings and assess the need for and then commission, coordinate and quality assure provision of training and development support.
8. Supporting Improvement Adviser within GwE with the portfolio for 14-19 works closely with the LA officers.
9. Welsh in Education
10. GwE Supporting Improvement Advisers secure appropriate oversight and responsibility for quality assurance and consistency of effective governing bodies across the region. Quality Assurance of the Governor mandatory training
11. ICT – Supporting Improvement Adviser within GwE works closely with the LA officers.
12. GwE Officer meets regularly with HR representatives from each local authority.
13. Ensuring that teacher assessment is undertaken accurately and consistently and that the results of teacher assessments are rigorously moderated on a regional and wider basis.
14. Provide a comprehensive Professional Learning offer.
15. Leading the development of the Curriculum for Wales within the region

Reform Journey – Welsh Government priorities for 2019-2020

- Digital and Curriculum Pioneer Schools
- Core Consortia Support for Design and Development of the new curriculum
- Assessment for Learning (AFL)
- Welsh Language Use Framework Inc. Welsh Language Charter (Welsh medium schools)
- EIG (including Foundation Phase)
- Modern Foreign Languages (Global Futures)
- National Numeracy Test Support
- Literacy and Numeracy Grant
- Professional Learning Pioneer Schools
- Learning in a Digital Wales (LiDW) – Phase II CPD
- Coding and Digital Skills
- Primary LNF Oracy Scheme for Wales
- Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)
- Professional teaching standards
- National Network for Excellence in Science and Technology (NNEST)
- Foundation phase Network (FPEN)
- Welsh – professional development – consortia funding (some lines combined)
- Digital Competence – Professional Learning Offer (PLO)
- A Level Improvement
- Teacher/Workforce Supply (ITET) and ITE partnership pilots
- Part time and work based ITE
- Modern Foreign Languages – building capacity in the primary sector.
- Digital competence framework
- *All age schools – Support for research and Collaborative Projects (ERW only)*
- Professional Teaching awards Cymru (PTAC)
- Future Leadership (Aspiring, middle leaders incl. coaching and mentoring support)
- New and Acting Heads (pre NMSH)
- National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH)
- Pupil Development Grant (PDG) excl PDG Access
- Extend the impact and depth of collaborative working, including through federation
- Develop schools learning as learning organisations – criteria 3 funding.