

Programmes funded by the area-based grant (full Devon grant before reductions given after "DCC:" in each category), and the duties the grant supports

Care Matters

- Provide 2,000 higher education bursary for care leavers
- Promote health and wellbeing of children in care and care leavers
- Provide sufficient accommodation for looked-after children

DCC: 513,545. Devon is more generous with its bursaries.

Child death review processes

- Local Safeguarding Children Boards must review the deaths of all children in their area with help of a child death overview panel and a rapid response team

DCC: 69,389 contribution to a sub-peninsula process which can be found in-year from a reserve. A statutory responsibility Devon is discussing with partners how to cover this.

Child Trust Funds

- Although this is to be reduced and eventually stopped, under forthcoming legislation trusts will still have to be provided for children born before January 2011

DCC: 10,801. Reduction is 2k which can be accommodated.

Choice Advisers

- Provide advice to parents on stating their preferences for secondary schools

DCC: 42, 610. Under review as part of remodelling of information and advisory services. Independent advice is a statutory requirement, but there are a number of ways to address this.

Connexions

- Give careers advice to all young people

DCC: 5,227,787. Part of a larger SW authority contract. Universal entitlement; also work focussed on those not in employment, education or training. The size of the grant and impact of a 24% withdrawal requires a radical review. To ensure compliance Devon proposes a cut limited to 12% in-year, but will need to look at longer-term sustainability.

Designated Teacher Funding

- Appoint a designated teacher in each school for all looked-after children

DCC: 54,900. Reduction will be applied to training programmes.

Extended rights to free travel

- Deliver free school transport to pupils aged eight to 16 who are from low-income families or who go to their nearest suitable school and live more than two miles away

DCC: 665,842. Devon applies this to Key Stage 2 pupils, and does not intend to withdraw any concessionary eligibilities mid-year. At Key Stage 2 pupils are by statute expected to walk up to three miles.

Extended Schools start-up funding

- All schools should have sustainable extended schools services in place

DCC: 1,092,652. Grant ceases 31.03.11. Elements of the 'core offer' overlap with information and advice and childcare provision. The Sustainability Grant is still in place.

Flexible 14 to 19 Partnerships Funding

- Deliver specialised diplomas at Level 1, 2 and 3 for all 14- to 19-year-olds

Devon: 195,485

Positive Activities for Young People

- Provide and promote positive activities for young people

DCC: 149,018. Being considered within the Integrated Youth Services budget. Some is focussed on bridging adolescents across the summer break into employment/training keeping them engaged. It therefore overlaps with the Connexions review.

Secondary National Strategy; Primary National Strategy

- Deliver the national strategies

DCC: 305,561 + 394,022. This covers an element of central coordination of the strategies and project funds for schools needing to narrow the achievement gap and in particular meet the Floor Targets. Both programmes were due to finish in July 2011 and exit strategies will need to be brought forward.

School Improvement Partners

- Appoint a School Improvement Partner (SIP) in every maintained school

DCC: 369,820. The function of a SIP is to challenge schools on their improvement plans and broker additional support; they also endorse specialist status redesignation. The requirement is to deploy a 2:1 ratio from external (e.g. retired heads, other LAs) and DCC internal specialists.

School Intervention

- Intervene where schools are underperforming

DCC: 249,700. This funds the Targeted Intervention and Support programme and focuses on Ofsted identified schools causing concern.

Behaviour Support and Educational Psychologists

DCC: 272,425 + 73,813. These grants, like the school improvement grants (above), feed into the Service Delivery Agreement for the Learning and Development Partnership (LDP). In arriving at its target, work with vulnerable groups will be protected as far as possible. EPs contribute to statutory statements of SEN.

Sustainable Travel to School

- Promote the use of sustainable travel between home and school

DCC: 59,329. Delivered through EEC.

School travel advisers

- Assess the travel and transport needs of children and young people

DCC: 114,000. Delivered through EEC.

Teenage pregnancy

- Reduce the under-18 conception rate

DCC: 169,000. Talks are in hand to incorporate the work within the Vulnerable Adolescents strategy.

Youth substance misuse

- Take account of youth offending and related issues within all planning, policy and processes

DCC: 125,887 (this is a Home Office Grant). The Vulnerable Adolescents strategy is seeking to streamline responses.

Children's Fund

DCC: 1,422,239. This is a complex area as it has few direct statutory responsibilities but has added value and support to a number of strategies. It was due to end on 31.03.11, so mainstreaming of activities is now stepped up. It currently contributes about 30% to overall funding for the AXS Programme. This will trigger a review of locality based infrastructures, to secure a sustainable model for early response and preventative work as well as targeted and individual responses.