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# 1 Introduction

Discretionary learner support (dLS) funds provide exceptional financial support to learners aged 16 and above, who are experiencing difficulty with meeting the costs associated with their learning, for example the cost of books and equipment, visits or field trips; hardships affecting a learner's living, learning or personal circumstances; and emergencies.

Youth dLS funds (for those aged 16-18) are provided by the Department for Education (DfE) and Adult dLS funds (for those aged 19+) are provided by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS). Responsibility for both youth and adult dLS policy lies with the Learner Support Directorate within the Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA), operating as a shared service with the Skills Funding Agency, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 (after the dissolution of the Learning and Skills Council (LSC)). The Learner Support Team took over the allocations from 2010/11; prior to this they were done by the LSC Regions. From 2011/12, responsibility for adult learner support, incorporating adult dLS, will transfer to the Skills Funding Agency whilst learner support for young people will continue to be the responsibility of the YPLA until its transition to the Education Funding Agency. Youth dLS will be replaced by the new 16-19 Bursary Fund from 2011/12.

This report provides an overview of **Youth (16-18) dLS in 2009/10** across England based on Management Information (MI) returns from providers. Trends have been presented where data for previous years was available. The analysis of 2009/10 MI returns seeks to provide an up to date account of evidence and trends in dLS in order to support an assessment of their impact and effectiveness and inform future developments. However, this report is not intended to evaluate the reasons for such trends.

The report is presented in three sections; the first provides background information relating to dLS funding, including a summary of policy changes; the second is a summary of the methodology applied and the data collection process; whilst the third provides a summary of the findings including an overview of the national and regional picture of dLS expenditure in 2009/10 and more detailed analyses on the various funding lines of youth dLS (i.e. hardship and residential bursary). The report is supplemented by appendices which present detailed breakdowns of youth dLS expenditure for individual regions.

## 1.1 What is discretionary learner support (dLS)?

Discretionary Learner Support funding (dLS) provides exceptional financial support to learners aged 16-18 who are experiencing difficulties with meeting the costs associated with their learning.

Discretionary funds are available to support 16 to 18 year old learners studying in Learner Responsive funded provision in colleges, External Institutions (EIs), Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), School Sixth Forms (SSFs) and Sixth Form Colleges. However, it cannot be used to support learners studying provision from Adult Safeguarded Learning (ASL), University for Industry (Ufi) or provision funded through the employer responsive model.

For 2010/11, the allocation of funds was made through the YPLA Learner Support Directorate directly to providers and comprised of two separate strands of funding:

- **16-18 Hardship Funding (Hardship in School Sixth Form/Hardship in FE)** – Funds intended to help learners meet the costs of: books, equipment/tools/stationery, travel to university/college interviews, resit examination fees, field trips/visits related to learners' courses, emergencies affecting living and learning etc; and

- **16-18 Residential Bursaries Funding (RBF)** – Residential bursaries allocated to 50 providers of specialist provision mainly in the Land-Based or Art and Design sectors. These funds are intended to help learners meet residential costs if they attend a specialist course at a participating college or a specialist course that is not available in their local area.

Providers are required to use their discretion in providing support to learners. However, this discretion must be exercised in accordance with the Discretionary Funding Guidance and Requirements document produced by the YPLA. The guidance is clear that when making decisions about awarding funds, providers/Local Authorities must take into account the availability of other strands of financial support for learners (including support funding through the Department for Work and Pensions, DWP, and Jobcentre Plus) ahead of consideration for the discretionary funds, i.e. dLS must not be used where other sources of funding are available.

## **1.2 Funding discretionary learner support (dLS)**

Discretionary learner support funding originates from the Department for Education (DfE), who has responsibility for young learners. Budget arrangements for these groups of learners are now distinct and as such there can be no vireing of support funds between young and adult learners.

The 2009/10 budget for discretionary support funding, for both youth and adults, was approximately £112 million, of this £32 million (29%) was allocated for young learners.

Providers must have written criteria for how they distribute discretionary funding, including arrangements for assessing a learner's income – where relevant – and a procedure for learners to appeal. The criteria must be made widely available and must apply principles of equality and diversity. Providers must also have administrative procedures that record the details of learner applications for financial assistance; account for the discretionary funds distributed; and identify unspent funds at the end of the academic year. Furthermore, it is also a mandatory requirement that providers submit accurate management information on the decisions made when allocating discretionary learner support funding to individuals; this information is collected through the Individualised Learner Record (ILR) and by completing a Provider Financial Monitoring Information (MI) Data form. The MI form can be completed online via a new online MI portal which was launched by YPLA in 2010.

## **1.3 Eligibility and priority groups**

It is expected that these funds will be used by providers to support learners in financial hardship where there are no alternative schemes to provide support. Eligibility for discretionary funds is based upon:<sup>1</sup>

- Residential status
- Individual/ household income

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<sup>1</sup> For full details see <http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/National/nat-discretionaryfundingguidance0910-gn-16jun2009-v1-0.pdf>

- The type of learning undertaken

The guidance indicates that funds should only be allocated to learners where an assessment of means has identified a need for that individual. Providers should not allocate funds simply because the learner has a low income without assessing the actual need for support. Nor should the funding be used to replace support and benefit arrangements already provided for through national policy or legislation e.g. through welfare benefits.

The priority groups for funding are categories of learners that traditionally have been identified as economically disadvantaged. This is reflected in the Discretionary Funding Guidance and Requirements 2009/10 - for learners aged 16-18, produced by the LSC (2009). The guidance identifies a number of priority groups for dLS including learners who are:

- Carers (own child or another person).
- Gypsy, Roma or Travellers.
- Young people who are homeless.
- Young people in receipt of Income Support.
- Young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.
- Young people in care or leaving care.
- Young people who have previously been out of education, employment or training for 26 weeks or more.
- Medically ill.
- Young people who are supervised by a Youth Offender Team.

#### 1.4 Policy changes (between 2008/09 and 2009/10)

There were a number of key developments in 2009/10 that may have affected the distribution of dLS in that year.

*Priorities for funding:* There was more guidance in 2009/10 about priority groups, especially in relation to 16-18 priorities. This was intended to assist providers where there was a need to further prioritise their criteria for support.

*Post-16 transport arrangements:* In 2009/10, there were further limitations imposed on the use of dLS for 16-18 transport. The new restriction meant that providers were not allowed to use discretionary support to routinely fund transport costs for learners aged 16-18. This followed on from the guidance offered in the 2008/09 Discretionary Funding Guidance and Requirements document, which stated that dLS funding must not be used to subsidise the Local Authority's statutory duty for transport provision for learners aged 16-19, except in exceptional circumstances.

Paragraphs 60 to 66 of the 2009/10 document remind providers that they must not:

- Use dLS to make a block contribution to Post-16 Transport Partnerships; or
- Routinely fund transport costs for learners aged 16-18; or
- Fund transport costs for learners who have chosen not to attend an institution closer to their home address offering the same provision.

## 2 Methodology

### 2.1 Collection of MI

The analysis presented in this report is based on Management Information (MI) data submitted by individual providers. Up to 2008/09, MI returns were submitted directly by providers to local and regional LSC offices in their area. Providers could submit MI returns in different formats including Excel templates, Word documents or PDF copies.

On the 1 April 2010, with the abolition of the LSC, responsibility for dLS allocations was centralised within the Learner Support Directorate at YPLA. Subsequently, a new online MI portal was launched by the Directorate and established as the primary mechanism to collect 2009/10 MI returns directly from providers (<http://dls.ypla.gov.uk/>).

During the data collection process, the Learner Support Directorate actively monitored the returns and supported providers with queries via the online portals and the dLS enquiries Inbox, [dlsenquiries@ypla.gov.uk](mailto:dlsenquiries@ypla.gov.uk). Overall there was a positive response from the sector in relation to the new data collection process and a response rate of over 95% was achieved for 16-18 dLS returns.

### 2.2 Data Quality

With the establishment of a central online tool to gather MI returns, a significant improvement in the quality of information submitted was observed compared to that received in previous years. Analyses carried out using pre 2009/10 data showed that a number of problems were encountered with regards to the quality of data submitted and the inconsistencies between provider level data and those returns held by local and regional LSCs. The online portal was able to address all these irregularities, and streamline the collection process.

Before commencing the analysis, a series of quality checks were carried out to address data anomalies, missing entries and validate the final cohort size. LSN and the dLS team carried out a series of checks directly with providers to confirm and validate their submissions between October 2010 and January 2011. The main inconsistencies which were checked included:

- The transposition and the incorrect entry of information on the form.
- Missing or incomplete dLS MI information.
- Interpretation of definitions.

The forms were corrected accordingly and the analysis outlined in this report is based on 16-18 dLS MI returns for **525 providers**.

### 2.3 Analytical notes

This report provides an overview of **Youth (16-18) dLS in 2009/10** across England based on MI returns from 525 providers. Trends have been presented where data for previous years was available.

During the course of the analysis, a number of issues of interpretation arose. These are outlined below and should be noted in context to the results published:

- Anecdotal evidence suggests that in some cases, providers may have vired funds between Hardship and Residential Bursary Funding (in excess of the requirements) and also between 16-18 and 19+ dLS allocations. Exact instances of these practices could not be identified in the data available and therefore the issue could not be explored further.
- Learner numbers and awards may not have been consistently measured by providers. In 2009/10, information on the number of awards and the number of learners was collected for the first time and the quality checks undertaken directly with providers brought to light that there was some confusion as to what an award represented. Awards generally represent the various purchases made to support a learner. While we believe that the majority of providers reported award information in the same way, a small number have entered figures using a different interpretation therefore there may be some variations in the data.
- The MI return only required providers to report spend either equal to or less than their allocation. Where providers have accounted for overspends in previous reports, the analysis has been done on this overall position. This report only accounts for spend within the allocations.

### 3 Findings

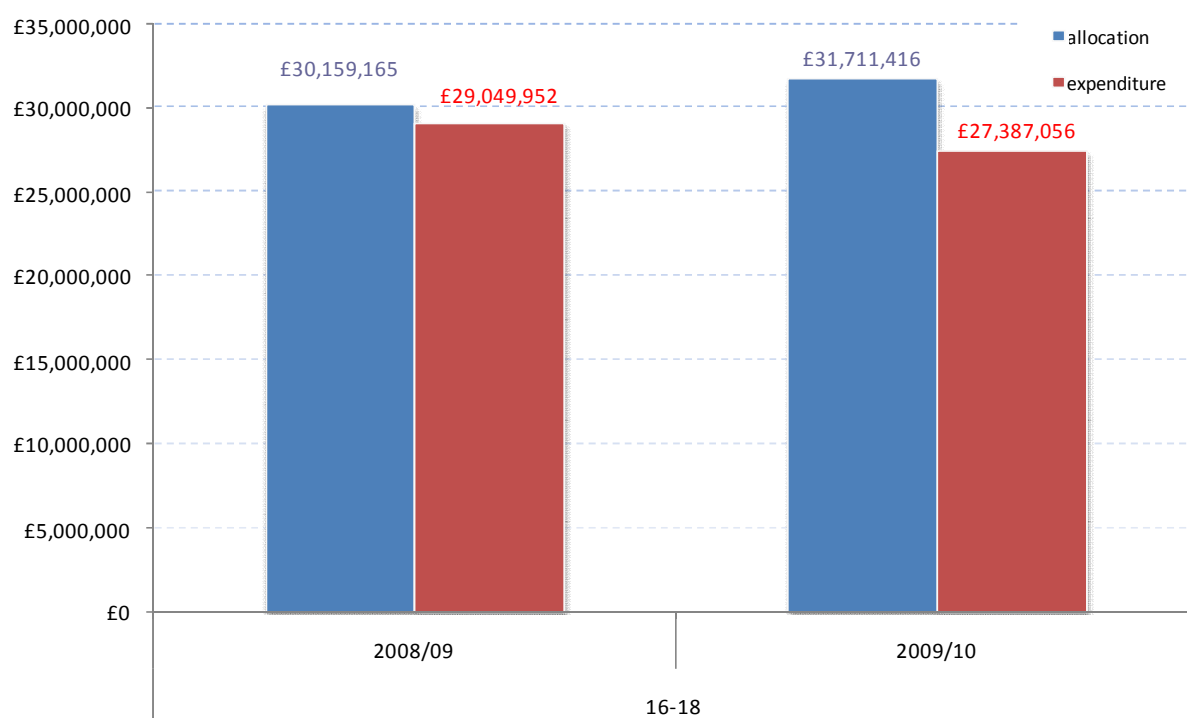
#### 3.1 National overview of 16-18 dLS - 2009/10

This chapter provides a national overview of dLS allocations for youth learners (16-18).

The total funds available for 16-18 learners in 2009/10 were £31,711,416, an increase of 5.1% from 2008/09. Funding was distributed across the funding lines below. Please note the sum of the funding lines will not equal the total 16-18 allocation budget. The remaining funds not stated represent expenditure on Administration.

- Hardship (including SSFs), £22,325,672.
- Residential Bursary Fund, £5,061,382.

**Figure 1: Total 16-18 allocations and expenditure, 2008/09 to 2009/10, England**



Between 2008/09 and 2009/10, the total amount of funds available for 16-18 dLS increased by 5.1% where as expenditure instead fell between the two years by 5.7% (see Table 1). In 2009/10, there was a net under spend in 16-18 dLS allocations of £3,992,211. Under spend represents the total amount of dLS funds available, minus total expenditure and administration expenses. In some instances, providers stated that they had spent more than they were allocated. Providers may report an over spend but this is not necessarily met from dLS funds. This may be met from other sources including their own resources therefore for the purposes of this report, only under spend has been reported. Comparisons of under spend for previous years were not available therefore no comparisons could be made with previous years.

The under spend was further examined at the regional level, and discussions were held with providers to obtain further insight into the reasons why allocations were not spent in full. The information gathered is reported in the following section which provides a regional overview of the results.

**Table 1: Total 16-18 dLS allocations and expenditure - 2007/08 to 2009/10, England**

	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10 <sup>a</sup>	Percentage change 08/09 – 09/10
<b>Total funds available</b>	N/A	£30,159,165	£31,711,416	+5.1%
<b>Total expenditure on dLS support</b>	£29,137,700	£29,049,952	£27,387,056	-5.7%
<b>Administrative expenditure<sup>a</sup></b>	N/A	£1,547,092	£1,528,551	-1.2%
<b>Net under spend<sup>b</sup></b>	N/A	N/A	£3,992,211	N/A

Note:

- The maximum amount for administration is limited to a maximum of five per cent of the total allocation.
- Net under spend for 2007/08 and 2008/09 could not be calculated with the data available. In previous reports, net under *and* over spend were quoted and calculated as a balance of total allocations minus dLS expenditure and administrative expenditure. 2009/10 is the first year that complete provider level data was available for the analysis.

Table 2 provides a summary of the various funding lines for 16-18 dLS. The tables specifically show total expenditure across each line as well as the total number of awards made, average expenditure per award, total number of learners and average expenditure per learner.

**Table 2: Summary of national 16-18 dLS expenditure on hardship and residential bursary by awards made, number of learners, average expenditure per award and average expenditure per learner – 2009/10**

	Total expenditure	Awards made	Average expenditure / award	Number of Learners <sup>a</sup>	Average expenditure / learner
<b>16-18 hardship (including SSF)</b>	£22,325,696	300,570	£74.28	198,336	£112.57
<b>16-18 residential bursary</b>	£5,061,382	2,805	£1,804.41	2,818	£1,796.09

Note:

- Information on the number of learners was collected for the first time in the 2009/10 MI returns form. Please note that being the first year of collection, a number of anomalies were observed in the data submitted therefore the figures are presented only to give an indicative outline of learner numbers, rather than an actual account of all learners supported.

### 3.2 Regional overview of 16-18 dLS - 2009/10

Table 3 illustrates the total amount of 16-18 dLS made available and spent across regions in 2009/10. Figure 2 illustrates the total amount of 16-18 dLS under spend in 2009/10 and the proportion it represented based on total funds available by region.

The data revealed that the largest amount of 16-18 dLS funding was made available to London (16.3% of all 16-18 dLS funds available, or £5,164,332), followed by the North West (15.2%, or £4,830,302). The lowest funding available was reported in the North East (7.1%, or £2,251,641), East of England (7.3% or £2,318,471), and the East Midlands (8.0%, or £2,544,068). The 'funds available' figure is the total amount of funding allocated, adjusted for incoming and outgoing funds (e.g. loans repaid by learners in-year and funds returned to the LSC in-year).

Overall there was a high correlation between funds available across regions and their expenditure. The highest levels of expenditure were reported in the North West region (15.1% of all 16-18 dLS expenditure, or £4,125,241), London (14.7%, or £4,022,195) and the South East (13.5%, or £3,690,902). The regions that reported the lowest levels of expenditure were the East of England (7.1%, or £1,938,178), North East (7.2%, or £1,971,540), and the East Midlands (8.5%, or £2,330,638).

**Table 3: Total 16-18 dLS allocations and expenditure by region - 2009/10**

	Total funds received		Total funds available <sup>a</sup>		Total expenditure		Administrative expenditure	
								As a proportion of total funds available
	£	%	£	%	£	%	£	%
<b>EM</b>	2,551,684	8.0%	2,544,068	8.0%	2,330,638	8.5%	117,491	4.6%
<b>EE</b>	2,318,693	7.3%	2,318,471	7.3%	1,938,178	7.1%	118,606	5.1%
<b>LON</b>	5,174,678	16.2%	5,164,332	16.3%	4,022,195	14.7%	258,116	5.0%
<b>NE</b>	2,396,135	7.5%	2,251,641	7.1%	1,971,540	7.2%	124,214	5.2%
<b>NW</b>	4,833,679	15.1%	4,830,302	15.2%	4,125,241	15.1%	217,228	4.5%
<b>SE</b>	4,059,390	12.7%	4,059,520	12.8%	3,690,902	13.5%	171,605	4.2%
<b>SW</b>	3,625,538	11.4%	3,563,539	11.2%	3,387,317	12.4%	178,601	4.9%
<b>WM</b>	3,755,931	11.8%	3,744,072	11.8%	3,109,624	11.4%	213,008	5.7%
<b>YH</b>	3,223,402	10.1%	3,235,471	10.2%	2,811,421	10.3%	129,682	4.0%
<b>NAT'L</b>	<b>31,939,130</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>31,711,416</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>27,387,056</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,528,551</b>	<b>4.8%</b>

Note:

- Fund available represents total funds received adjusted for outgoing and ingoing expenses reported by providers.

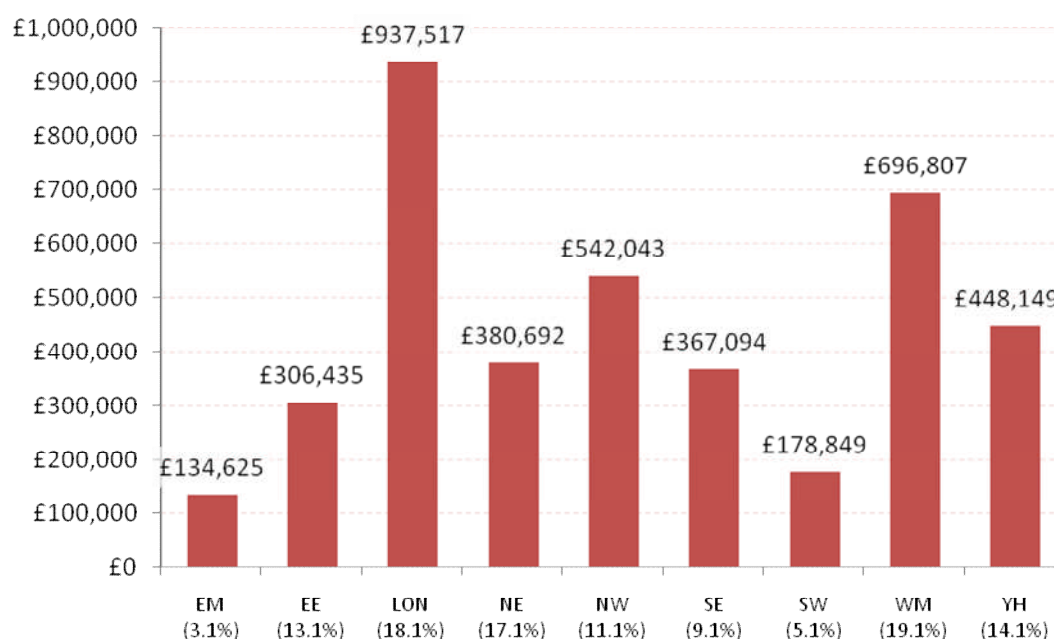
Some regions demonstrated larger instances of 16-18 dLS under spend than others (see Figure 2). London and the West Midlands reported significantly high levels of under spend with £937,517 (equivalent to 18.2% of funds available) in London and £696,807 (18.6%) in West Midlands. In the case of London this might be explained by the substantial increase in funds available in 2009/10 but this does not hold for the West Midlands.

Further investigations and discussions with a number of providers granted additional insight into the nature of the under spend and the issues which some providers faced in awarding 16-18 dLS. Generally, there was an opinion that 2009/10 under spend represented a unique year and under spend of this magnitude would not be replicated in the next year. Some providers, especially Local Authorities, experienced a period of transition and allocating 16-18 dLS was a new responsibility which many were unfamiliar with therefore general feedback received also quoted that allocations for 2010/11 would be better supported.

Other reasons stated by providers (comments from the individual returns) included:

- Restrictions on the use of the funding made it difficult to allocate it. The need for support to meet travel expenses was high but changes in guidance meant that they could not allocate funds for travel.
- Although 16-18 dLS was publicised, not many applications were received.
- Only a small number of 16-18 year old learners fitted the criteria. Providers instead felt they had more demand for support from adult learners.
- Many 16-18 year old learners were used to not having any money and so they decided that they would manage without applying for support.
- It was not used because there were no specific hardship cases this year.

**Figure 2: Total amount of 16-18 dLS under spend and the proportion it represents based on total funds available by region - 2009/10**



Note: The percentages in brackets represent the total amount of under spend as a proportion of the total allocations per region.

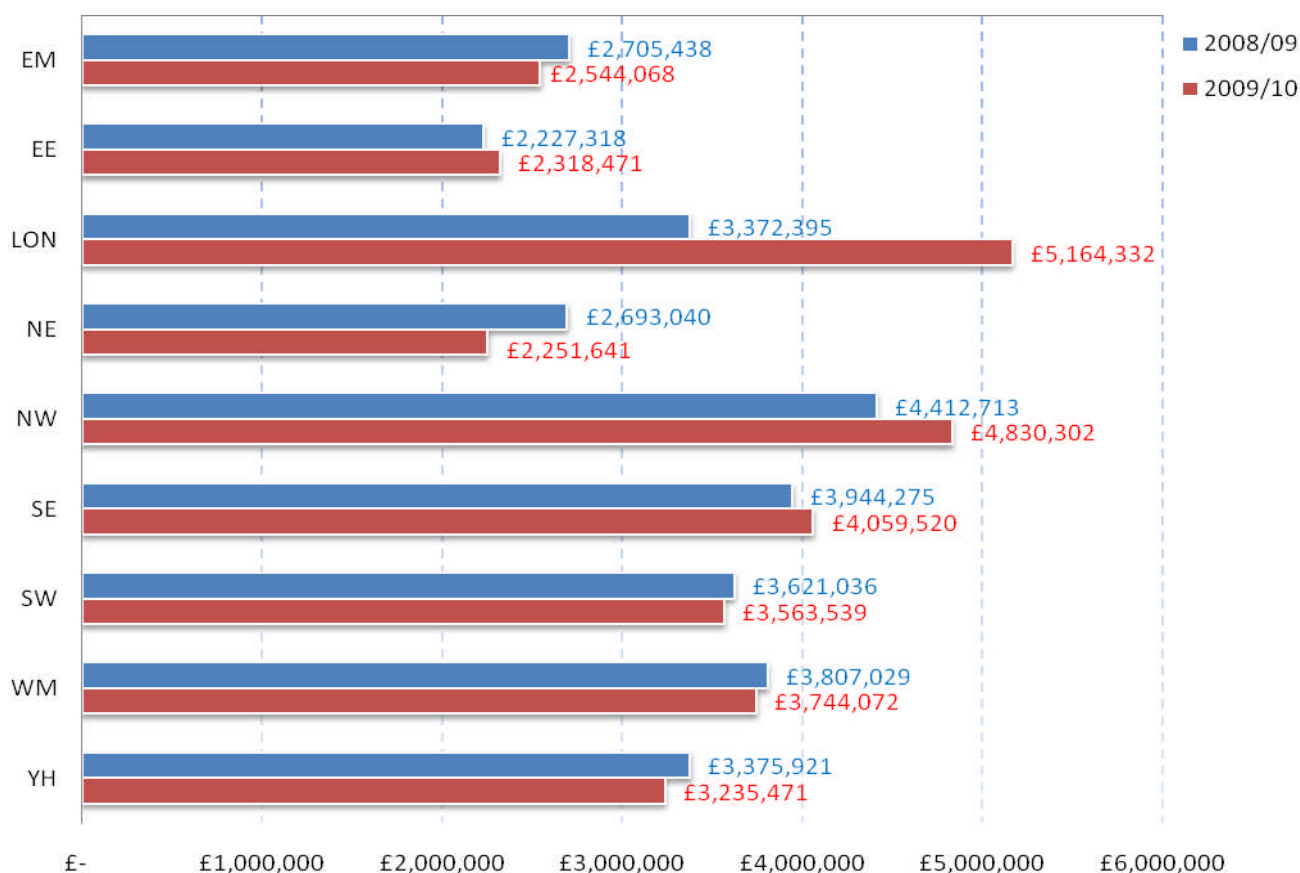
Figure 3 illustrates the total 16-18 dLS funds available for learners by region between 2008/09 and 2009/10. In 2009/10, five regions had a reduction in the total funds available for 16-18 learners. This included:

- North East (a difference of £441,399 and a reduction of 16.4%)
- East of England (a difference of £161,370 and a reduction of 6.0%)
- Yorkshire and the Humber (a difference of £140,450 and a reduction of 4.2%)
- West Midlands (a difference of £62,957 and a reduction of 1.7%)
- South West (a difference of £57,497 and a reduction of 1.6%)

However in the remaining regions there was an increase in the total funds available for 16-18 learners:

- London (a difference of £1,791,937 and an increase of 53.1%)
- North West (a difference of £417,589 and an increase of 9.5%)
- South East (a difference of £115,245 and an increase of 2.9%)
- East of England (a difference of £91,153 and an increase of 4.1%)

Figure 3: Total 16-18 dLS funds available for learners by region between – 2008/09 to 2009/10



### 3.3 16-18 dLS 2009/10 by funding line

In 2009/10, the data revealed that 77.2% (or £22,325,672) of 16-18 dLS expenditure went to 16-18 hardship, while 17.5% (or £5,061,382) went to 16-18 residential bursaries, and 5.3% (or £1,528,551) was spent on 16-18 administration costs.

Table 4 provides a breakdown of 16-18 dLS expenditure by funding lines between 2007/08 to 2009/10. The largest annual decrease in expenditure was observed in relation to 16-18 hardship funds, which fell by 7.4% between 2008/09 and 2009/10. 16-18 dLS spent on youth residential bursaries instead increased by 2.7% between the two last reported years. A small decrease of 1.2% was observed with regards to expenditure on administration.

**Table 4: Breakdown of 16-18 dLS expenditure by funding line - 2007/08 to 2009/10**

	2007/08 <sup>a</sup>	2008/09	2009/10	Percentage change 08/09 – 09/10
<b>16-18 hardship (including SSF)</b>	£24,265,283	£24,122,001	£22,325,672	-7.4%
<b>16-18 residential bursary</b>	£4,872,417	£4,927,951	£5,061,382	2.7%
<b>16-18 Administration</b>	N/A	£1,547,092	£1,528,551	-1.2%

Note:

- a. The 2007/08 disaggregated administration expenditure was not available.

Table 5 provides a summary of national expenditure (excluding administration), the number of awards and the average expenditure per award for the two 16-18 dLS funding lines in 2009/10. Each funding line was examined in more detail and summarised further in the next sections.

**Table 5: Summary of national 16-18 dLS expenditure by awards made, number of learners, average award and award/learner ratio – 2009/10**

	Total Expenditure	Awards made <sup>a</sup>	Average expenditure per award	Number of learners <sup>b</sup>	Awards per learner
<b>16-18 hardship (including SSF)</b>	£22,292,373	267,271	£83.40	197,947	1.4
<b>16-18 residential bursary</b>	£5,061,382	2,805	£1,804.41	2,818	1.0

Note:

- a. Not all providers who allocated 16-18 dLS for this funding line provided information on the number of Awards they made. During the quality check process carried out with providers, some information on Award numbers was updated however a number of providers' returns remained with missing details. The data presented in this table only includes those providers with entries deemed valid for the analysis therefore please note that the figures may differ slightly from those stated earlier in the report.
- b. Information on the number of learners was collected for the first time in the 2009/10 MI returns form. Please note that being the first year of collection, a number of anomalies were observed in the data submitted therefore the figures are presented only to give an indicative outline of learner numbers, rather than an actual account of all learners supported.

### 3.3.1 16-18 Hardship (including School Sixth Form)

#### National

In 2009/10, the national expenditure on 16-18 hardship was £22,292,373. The total expenditure in 2009/10 was lower than that in 2008/09 where total 16-18 dLS expenditure was £24,122,001 – a difference of £1,829,628 and an annual decrease of 7.6%.

In 2009/10, 267,271 awards were made, covering 197,947 learners.<sup>2</sup> The average expenditure per award was £83.40 and this was marginally higher than the average expenditure in 2008/09 of £82.10. Consequently, a comparison with figures for 2008/09 revealed that the number of awards for 16-18 hardship fell by 26,635 awards (from 293,906 awards). This represented an annual decrease of 9.1% (see Table 6).

**Table 6: Summary of 16-18 Hardship expenditure, awards made, number of learners, and average expenditure per award– 2008/09 to 2009/10**

	2008/09	2009/10	Percentage change
<b>Expenditure (including SSF)</b>	£24,122,001	£22,292,373	-7.6%
<b>Awards (including SSF) <sup>a</sup></b>	293,906	267,271	-9.1%
<b>Average expenditure (including SSF) per award</b>	£82.10	£83.40	1.7%

Note:

- a. Not all providers who allocated 16-18 dLS for this funding line provided information on the number of Awards they made. During the quality check process carried out with providers, some information on Award numbers was updated however a number of providers' returns remained with missing details. The data presented in this table only includes those providers with entries deemed valid for the analysis. Therefore please note that the figures may differ slightly from those stated earlier in the report.

In 2009/10, expenditure on 16-18 hardship was distributed across the following categories:

- Exam resit fees
- Books and equipment
- Transport
- Accommodation and meals
- Additional course costs
- Other

<sup>2</sup> Information on the number of learners was collected for the first time in the 2009/10 MI returns form. Please note that being the first year of collection, a number of anomalies were observed in the data submitted therefore the figures are presented only to give an indicative outline of learner numbers, rather than an actual account of all learners supported.

Table 7 provides a national summary of all budget lines, showing expenditure, awards, learners and average expenditure per awards in 2009/10. The main points observed were:

- A significant proportion of 16-18 hardship expenditure was spent on books and equipment; a total of £9,890,205. This accounted for 44.3 % of the total 16-18 hardship expenditure for that year. It was used to support 109,190 awards covering 85,048 learners with an average expenditure per award of £90.60.
- A high proportion of expenditure was also awarded for transport costs (16.8 % of the total 16-18 hardship expenditure). It was used to support 29,954 awards, covering 21,530 learners with an average expenditure per award of £125.20.
- Similarly, expenditure on additional course costs accounted for 16.3% of the total 16-18 hardship expenditure, and it was used to support 42,552 awards, covering 39,746 learners with an average expenditure per award of £85.20.

**Table 7: Distribution of 16-18 Hardship dLS expenditure by hardship category of expenditure - 2009/10**

Category	Total expenditure	Awards <sup>a</sup>	Learners <sup>b</sup>	Average expenditure per award
<b>Exam resit fees</b>	£887,938	19,035	15,806	£46.60
<b>Books and equipment</b>	£9,890,205	109,190	85,048	£90.60
<b>Transport</b>	£3,751,634	29,954	21,530	£125.20
<b>Accommodation and meals</b>	£2,943,012	47,082	21,766	£62.50
<b>Additional course costs</b>	£3,623,674	42,552	39,746	£85.20
<b>Other</b>	£1,195,934	19,458	14,051	£61.50
<b>Total</b>	£22,325,696	267,271	197,947	£83.50

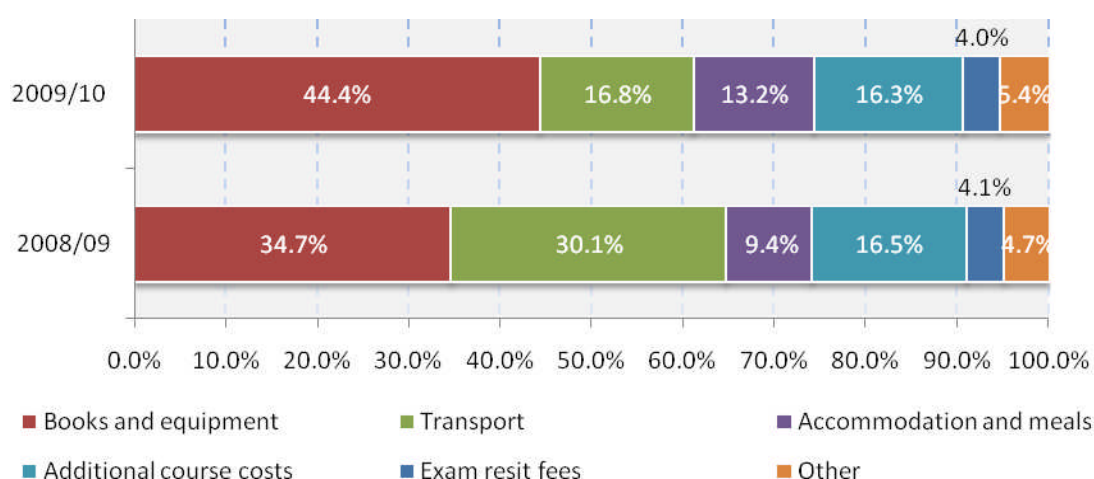
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- Not all providers who allocated 16-18 dLS for this funding line provided information on the number of Awards they made. During the quality check process carried out with providers, some information on Award numbers was updated however a number of providers' returns remained with missing details. The data presented in this table only includes those providers with entries deemed valid for the analysis. Therefore please note that the figures may differ slightly from those stated earlier in the report.
- Information on the number of learners was collected for the first time in the 2009/10 MI returns form. Please note that being the first year of collection, a number of anomalies were observed in the data submitted therefore the figures are presented only to give an indicative outline of learner numbers, rather than an actual account of all learners supported.

Figure 4 illustrates the distribution of 16-18 hardship expenditure by categories of expenditure between 2008/09 and 2009/10. During both years, spending on books and equipment was the category that had the highest expenditure. Moreover, the percentage share of expenditure spent on books and equipment increased from 34.7% in 2008/09 to 44.4% in 2009/10. Expenditure also rose for accommodation and meal costs during 2009/10; representing an increase of 3.8 percentage points. The only category that saw a significant fall in expenditure was transport, which fell by 13.3 percentage points.

The number of 16-18 hardship awards categorised as transport fell by 64.3%, from 83,805 in 2008/09 to 29,954 in 2009/10. The reduction in 16-18 hardship expenditure for transport in 2009/10 can, in part, be explained by the introduction of further limitations about the use of dLS for post-16 transport arrangements. Discussions with providers in relation to the net under spend they reported (see the previous section, *Section 4.2 Regional overview of dLS*) provided further evidence that across the sector there has been a large decrease in spending on transport in line with the new criteria established.

**Figure 4: Total proportion of 16-18 Hardship dLS expenditure by category of expenditure – 2008/09 to 2009/10**



Note: The percentages for 2008/09 will differ slightly from those presented in the previous report. In 2008/09, an additional category was included in the calculations (i.e. EMA support) therefore in order to compare the trends across both years, the 2008/09 percentages were re-calculated and exclude the EMA support category.

### Regional

Figure 5 illustrates 16-18 hardship expenditure by region between 2008/09 and 2009/10, with a focus on average expenditure per award. The key regional trends show:

- There were significant variations in the average 16-18 hardship expenditure per award across regions. In 2009/10, the East Midlands region had the highest average expenditure per award at £97.90, whilst the South West region had the lowest at £36.80. In 2008/09, London had registered the highest average expenditure per award at £140.40 where as the North West region had the lowest at £58.30.
- In 2009/10, five regions noted a decrease in the average expenditure per award for 16-18 hardship from 2008/09. These included:
  - London (a fall of £48.90 and a reduction of 34.8 %)
  - South West (a fall of £35.50 and a reduction of 49.1 %)
  - South East (a fall of £35.10 and a difference of 31.4 %)
  - North East (a fall of £9.70 and a reduction of 12.7 %)
  - West Midlands (a fall of £1.10 and a reduction of 1.5 %)
- However, in the remaining regions, the average expenditure per award for 16-18 hardship in four regions rose notably:
  - East of England (an increase of £30.3 and an increase of 48.2 %)
  - North West (an increase of £21.4 and an increase of 36.7 %)
  - East Midlands (an increase of £18.9 and an increase of 23.9 %)
  - Yorkshire and the Humber (an increase of £6.5 and an increase of 8.0 %)

Figure 5: Average expenditure per award for dLS 16-18 Hardship by region - 2008/09 to 2009/10

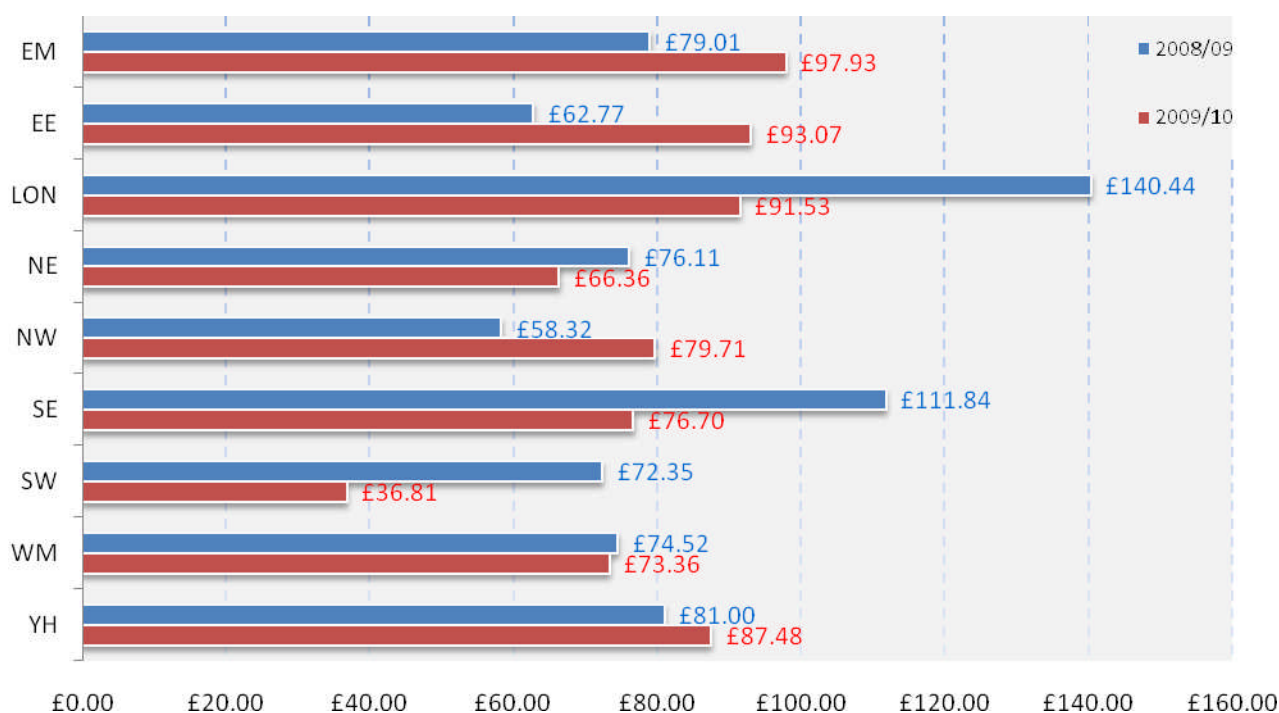
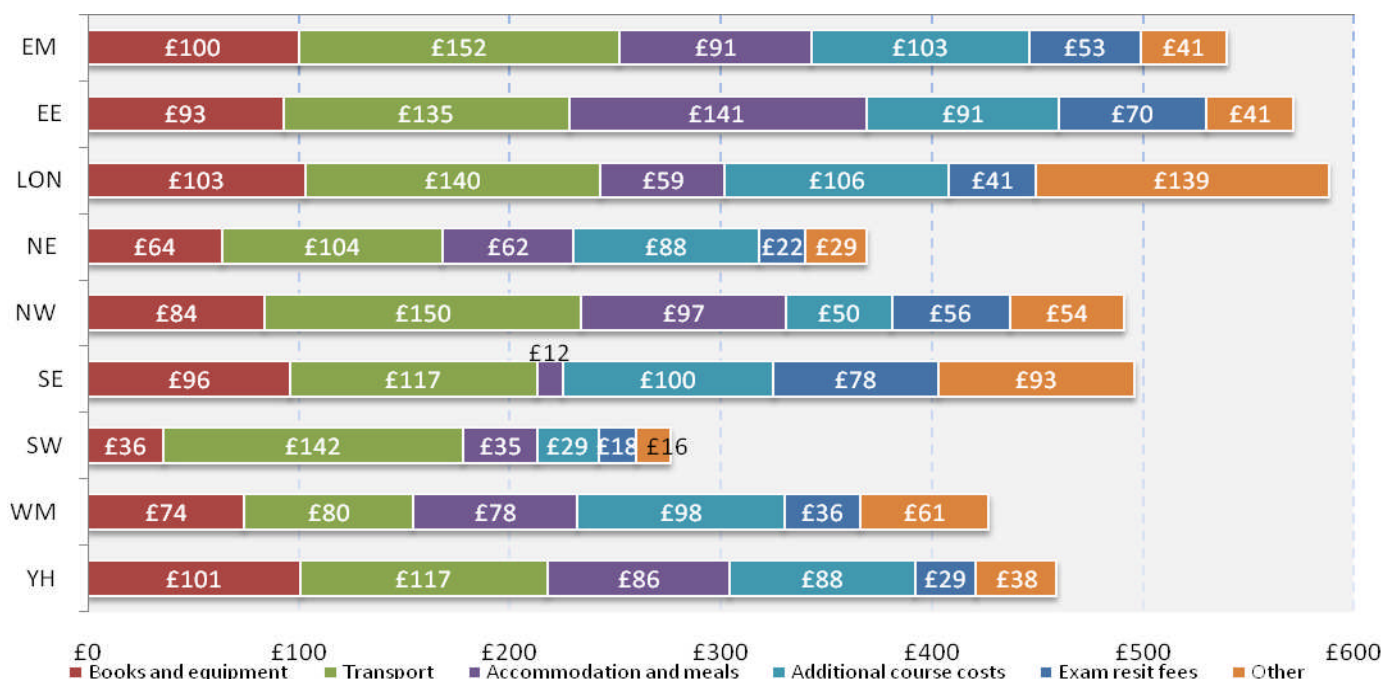


Figure 6 shows the distribution of 16-18 hardship expenditure categories in 2009/10, across each region. The average expenditure per award varied across each category, with divergent levels of spending recorded in each region. The key regional trends were:

- The highest expenditure per award for books and equipment was recorded in London (£103) where as the lowest was in the South West (£36).
- The highest expenditure per award for transport was recorded in the East Midlands (£152) where as the lowest was in the West Midlands (£80).
- The highest expenditure per award for accommodation and meals was recorded in East of England (£141) where as the lowest was in the South East (£12).
- The highest expenditure per award for additional course costs was recorded in London (£106) where as the lowest was in the South West (£18).
- The average expenditure per award for exam resit fees was significantly higher in London (£41) than any other region.

**Figure 6: Average expenditure per award of 16-18 hardship by category of expenditure, regional distribution – 2009/10**



### 3.3.2 16-18 Residential Bursaries

#### National

In 2009/10, the national expenditure on 16-18 residential bursaries was £5,061,382. The total 16-18 residential bursary expenditure in the previous year (2008/09) was slightly lower at £4,927,952. This marked a difference of £133,430 and an increase of 2.7% across the years.

In 2009/10, 16-18 residential bursaries supported 2,805 awards covering 2,818 learners<sup>3</sup> with an average expenditure per award of £1,804. Across the two reported years, the number of awards for 16-18 residential bursaries fell by 22.9%.

**Table 8: Summary of 16-18 Residential Bursary expenditure, awards made, and average expenditure per award – 2008/09 to 2009/10**

	2008/09	2009/10	Percentage change
<b>Expenditure</b>	£4,927,952	£5,061,382	+2.7%
<b>Awards<sup>a</sup></b>	3,640	2,805	-22.9%
<b>Average expenditure per award</b>	£1,353.8	£1,804.4	+33.3%

Note:

- a. Not all providers who allocated 16-18 dLS for this funding line provided information on the number of Awards they made. During the quality check process carried out with providers, some information on Award numbers was updated however a number of providers' returns remained with missing details. The data presented in this table only includes those providers with entries deemed valid for the analysis therefore please note that the figures may differ slightly from those stated earlier in the report.

Expenditure on 16-18 residential bursaries was distributed across the following categories of expenditure:

- Accommodation
- Travel
- Meals
- Other

Table 9 provides a breakdown of 16-18 hardship expenditure by the above categories of expenditure. In 2009/10, a significant proportion of 16-18 residential bursary expenditure was spent on accommodation; a total of £4,592,814. This accounted for 90.7 % of the total 16-18 residential

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bursary expenditure for that year. It was used to support 2,077 awards covering 2,095 learners with an average expenditure per award of £2,211.

The other residential bursary category that reported notable levels of expenditure in 2009/10 was travel (it represented 5.6 % of the total residential bursary expenditure). Travel was used to support 528 awards, covering 471 learners with an average expenditure per award of £538.20.

**Table 9: Distribution of 16-18 Residential Bursaries by funding line - 2009/10**

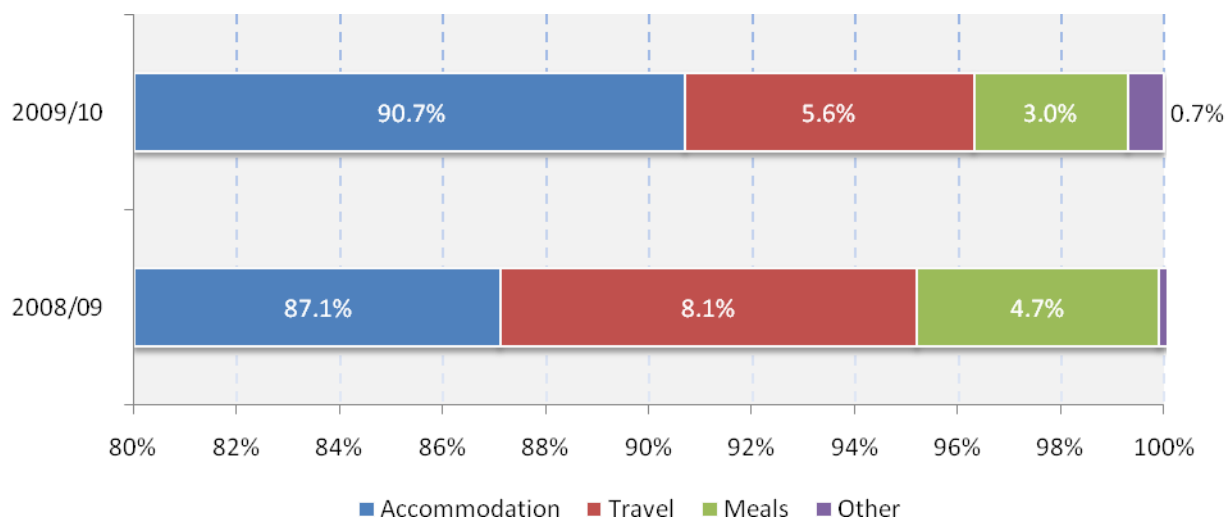
Category	Expenditure	Awards <sup>a</sup>	Learners <sup>b</sup>	Average expenditure per award
<b>Accommodation</b>	£4,592,814	2,077	2,095	£2,211.30
<b>Travel</b>	£284,145	528	471	£538.20
<b>Meals</b>	£149,970	168	148	£892.70
<b>Other</b>	£34,454	32	104	£1,076.70
<b>Total</b>	£5,061,383	2,805	2,818	£4,718.90

Note:

- Not all providers who allocated 16-18 dLS for this funding line provided information on the number of Awards they made. During the quality check process carried out with providers, some information on Award numbers was updated however a number of providers' returns remained with missing details. The data presented in this table only includes those providers with entries deemed valid for the analysis therefore please note that the figures may differ slightly from those stated earlier in the report.
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Figure 7 illustrates how 16-18 residential bursary expenditure was distributed during 2008/09 and 2009/10. During both years, spending on accommodation proved to be the category that had the highest expenditure. The percentage share of expenditure spent on accommodation increased from 87.1% in 2008/09 to 90.7% in 2009/10. This marked an annual increase of 3.6 percentage points. In 2009/10, there was a decrease in the percentage share of expenditure on travel and meals costs; representing an annual decrease of 2.5 and 1.7 percentage points, respectively.

Figure 7: Total proportion of 16-18 residential bursary expenditure by funding categories- 2008/09 to 2009/10

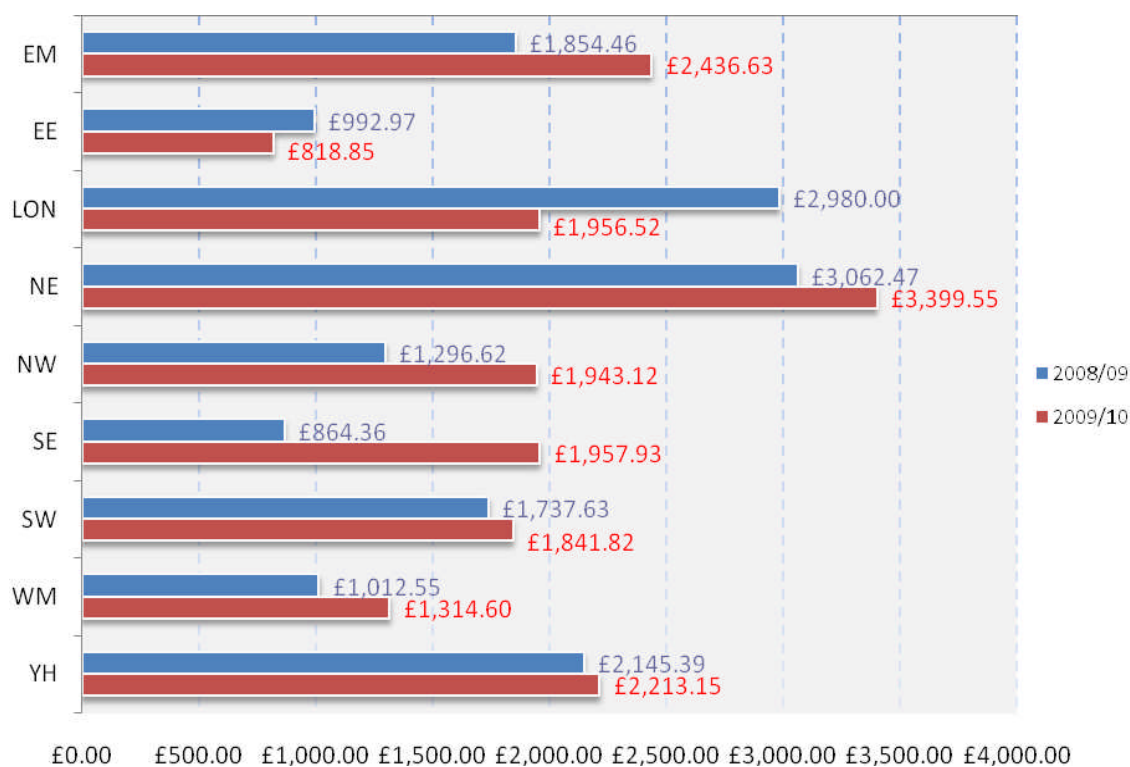


### Regional

Figure 8 illustrates the average expenditure per award for 16-18 residential bursary categories by region between 2008/09 and 2009/10. The key regional trends observed were:

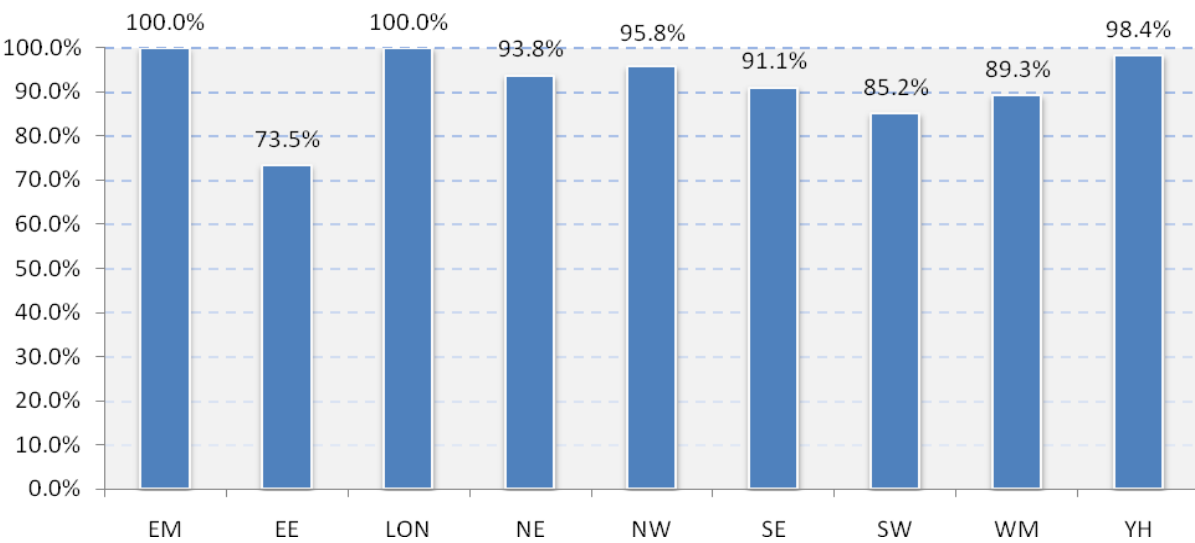
- In 2009/10, the North East region had the highest average expenditure per award at £3,400, whilst the East of England had the lowest at £819. In 2008/09, the North East also had the highest average award at £3,062, whilst the South East had the lowest at £864.
- In 2009/10, all regions, except the East of England and London, demonstrated an increase in the average expenditure per 16-18 residential bursary award.

**Figure 8: Average expenditure per 16-18 residential bursary award by region - 2008/09 to 2009/10**



Regarding expenditure towards accommodation costs, in 2009/10, the East Midlands and London demonstrated that they awarded their entire 16-18 residential bursary funding towards supporting learners that needed help with such costs (see Figure 9). The East of England registered the smallest proportion with just under three quarters of its 16-18 residential bursary allocated to cover accommodation expenses.

Figure 9: Total proportion of 16-18 Residential Bursary dLS spent on accommodation - 2009/10



# Appendix A: National 16-18 dLS allocation and expenditure

Table 10: National 16-18 dLS allocations by region in 2009/10

Region	Total 16-18 received <sup>1</sup>	Total 16-18 available <sup>2</sup>	Administrative expenditure
EM	2,551,684	2,544,068	412,376
EE	2,318,693	2,318,471	361,114
LON	5,174,678	5,164,332	1,120,203
NE	2,396,135	2,251,641	366,449
NW	4,833,679	4,830,302	860,640
SE	4,059,390	4,059,520	560,143
SW	3,625,538	3,563,539	466,646
WM	3,755,931	3,744,072	745,802
YH	3,223,402	3,235,471	533,012
<b>NAT'L</b>	<b>31,939,130</b>	<b>31,711,416</b>	<b>5,426,385</b>

Note:

1. Total received is the amount of funding allocated in each funding stream (including in-year supplementary support funding) but excluding loans repaid and funding returned to YPLA during the year.
2. Total available (to learners) is the amount of funding allocated in each funding stream (including in-year supplementary support funding) plus loans repaid (incoming) and funding returned to the Local LSC during the year (outgoing).

Table 11: Summary of dLS expenditure on 16-18 people by region in 2009/10

	16-18 funds available	16-18 expenditure on dLS support	16-18 administrative expenditure	Net 16-18 under spend
<b>EM</b>	2,544,068	2,330,638	117,491	134,625
<b>EE</b>	2,318,471	1,938,178	118,606	306,435
<b>LON</b>	5,164,332	4,022,195	258,116	937,517
<b>NE</b>	2,251,641	1,971,540	124,214	380,692
<b>NW</b>	4,830,302	4,125,241	217,228	542,043
<b>SE</b>	4,059,520	3,690,902	171,605	367,094
<b>SW</b>	3,563,539	3,387,317	178,601	178,849
<b>WM</b>	3,744,072	3,109,624	213,008	696,807
<b>YH</b>	3,235,471	2,811,421	129,682	448,149
<b>NAT'L</b>	<b>31,711,416</b>	<b>27,387,056</b>	<b>1,528,551</b>	<b>3,992,211</b>

# Appendix B: Regional 16-18 dLS expenditure tables

## B.1 16-18 Hardship

Note: Data on learner numbers was first collected in 2009/10.

### B.1.1 National

Table 12: National 16-18 hardship expenditure (including school sixth form expenditure) by region 2008/09 and 2009/10

Region	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure per Award	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure per Award
EM	27,579	N/A	£2,179,140	9.0%	£79	19,271	14,497	£1,887,171	8.5%	£98
EE	28,242	N/A	£1,772,859	7.3%	£63	17,992	14,072	£1,674,508	7.5%	£93
LON	33,148	N/A	£4,655,457	19.3%	£140	42,960	26,817	£3,932,195	17.6%	£92
NE	25,970	N/A	£1,976,477	8.2%	£76	26,532	21,068	£1,760,768	7.9%	£66
NW	58,238	N/A	£3,396,629	14.1%	£58	43,711	37,938	£3,484,010	15.6%	£80
SE	27,112	N/A	£3,032,098	12.6%	£112	35,129	20,282	£2,694,313	12.1%	£77
SW	28,072	N/A	£2,030,902	8.4%	£72	52,244	15,464	£1,923,073	8.6%	£37
WM	35,624	N/A	£2,654,698	11.0%	£75	36,691	26,566	£2,691,582	12.1%	£73
YH	29,921	N/A	£2,423,741	10.0%	£81	26,040	21,632	£2,278,052	10.2%	£87
<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>293,906</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>£24,122,001</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>£82</b>	<b>300,570</b>	<b>198,336</b>	<b>£22,325,672</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>£74</b>

Table 13: National 16-18 hardship expenditure by category of spend (including school sixth form) 2008/9 and 2009/10

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure per Award	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure per Award
Exam resit fees	14,607	N/A	£980,388	4.1%	£67	20,552	15,827	£889,455	4.0%	£43
Books and equipment	91,608	N/A	£8,172,386	33.9%	£89	127,898	85,273	£9,908,913	44.4%	£77
Transport	83,805	N/A	£7,107,354	29.5%	£85	29,954	21,530	£3,751,634	16.8%	£125
Accommodation and meals	41,082	N/A	£2,213,054	9.2%	£54	48,664	21,791	£2,944,594	13.2%	£61
Additional course costs	37,494	N/A	£3,971,576	16.5%	£106	52,061	39,839	£3,633,183	16.3%	£70
Other	15,945	N/A	£1,135,913	4.7%	£71	21,441	14,076	£1,197,917	5.4%	£56

## B.1.2 East Midlands

Table 14: East Midlands region 16-18 hardship expenditure by category of spend (including school sixth form) 2008/09 and 2009/10

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
Exam resit fees	601	N/A	£19,565	0.9%	£33	1,384	1,028	£73,743	3.9%	£53
Books and equipment	8,262	N/A	£676,851	31.1%	£82	6,848	4,743	£683,537	36.2%	£100
Transport	6,602	N/A	£855,325	39.3%	£130	3,541	1,828	£539,423	28.6%	£152
Accommodation and meals	5,245	N/A	£300,751	13.8%	£57	2,749	2,693	£249,448	13.2%	£91
Additional course costs	2,737	N/A	£224,561	10.3%	£82	2,375	2,297	£243,514	12.9%	£103
Other	3,818	N/A	£67,365	3.1%	£18	2,374	1,908	£97,506	5.2%	£41

### B.1.3 East of England

Table 15: East of England region 16-18 hardship expenditure by category of spend (including school sixth form) 2008/09 and 2009/10

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
Exam resit fees	977	N/A	£108,061	6.1%	£111	1,180	1,046	£83,065	5.0%	£70
Books and equipment	5,340	N/A	£618,206	34.9%	£116	9,527	7,519	£881,260	52.6%	£93
Transport	16,232	N/A	£436,584	24.6%	£27	1,534	896	£207,218	12.4%	£135
Accommodation and meals	673	N/A	£140,142	7.9%	£208	1,115	1,053	£157,268	9.4%	£141
Additional course costs	3,211	N/A	£265,429	15.0%	£83	3,117	2,531	£283,475	16.9%	£91
Other	1,508	N/A	£175,206	9.9%	£116	1,519	1,027	£62,223	3.7%	£41

### B.1.4 London

Table 16: London region 16-18 hardship expenditure by category of spend (including school sixth form) 2008/09 and 2009/10

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
Exam resit fees	1,282	N/A	£410,615	8.8%	£320	3,245	2,170	£133,928	3.4%	£41
Books and equipment	17,913	N/A	£1,386,788	29.8%	£77	17,930	12,378	£1,845,931	46.9%	£103
Transport	2,492	N/A	£1,090,754	23.4%	£438	3,087	1,892	£433,227	11.0%	£140
Accommodation and meals	4,293	N/A	£307,585	6.6%	£72	11,341	2,824	£674,591	17.2%	£59
Additional course costs	5,404	N/A	£1,232,721	26.5%	£228	5,391	5,601	£571,444	14.5%	£106
Other	1,298	N/A	£185,790	4.0%	£143	1,966	1,952	£273,077	6.9%	£139

## B.1.5 North East

Table 17: North East region 16-18 hardship expenditure by category of spend (including school sixth form) 2008/09 and 2009/10

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
Exam resit fees	527	N/A	£18,180	0.9%	£34	808	624	£17,602	1.0%	£22
Books and equipment	8,460	N/A	£667,048	33.7%	£79	10,162	7,855	£646,632	36.7%	£64
Transport	2,945	N/A	£437,081	22.1%	£148	1,894	1,214	£197,124	11.2%	£104
Accommodation and meals	6,305	N/A	£320,963	16.2%	£51	8,198	5,621	£511,774	29.1%	£62
Additional course costs	4,385	N/A	£399,897	20.2%	£91	3,883	4,475	£340,888	19.4%	£88
Other	1,582	N/A	£68,263	3.5%	£43	1,587	1,279	£46,749	2.7%	£29

## B.1.6 North West

Table 18: North West region 16-18 hardship expenditure by category of spend (including school sixth form) 2008/09 and 2009/10

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
Exam resit fees	3,400	N/A	£118,698	3.5%	£35	2,777	2,436	£154,477	4.4%	£56
Books and equipment	14,211	N/A	£1,261,681	37.1%	£89	15,623	13,305	£1,314,359	37.7%	£84
Transport	22,229	N/A	£923,917	27.2%	£42	5,480	5,638	£824,712	23.7%	£150
Accommodation and meals	6,587	N/A	£299,020	8.8%	£45	3,688	2,503	£356,960	10.2%	£97
Additional course costs	6,307	N/A	£510,241	15.0%	£81	10,201	9,867	£513,630	14.7%	£50
Other	2,735	N/A	£171,963	5.1%	£63	5,942	4,189	£319,878	9.2%	£54

### B.1.7 South East

Table 19: South East region 16-18 hardship expenditure by category of spend (including school sixth form) 2008/09 and 2009/10

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
Exam resit fees	1,273	N/A	£84,966	2.8%	£67	1,964	1,402	£153,144	5.7%	£78
Books and equipment	9,337	N/A	£1,037,598	34.2%	£111	12,995	9,238	£1,252,101	46.5%	£96
Transport	8,386	N/A	£1,248,633	41.2%	£149	5,111	3,555	£599,880	22.3%	£117
Accommodation and meals	1,770	N/A	£125,812	4.1%	£71	9,187	1,199	£112,631	4.2%	£12
Additional course costs	3,309	N/A	£309,215	10.2%	£93	4,120	3,712	£413,090	15.3%	£100
Other	1,495	N/A	£138,270	4.6%	£92	1,752	1,176	£163,467	6.1%	£93

### B.1.8 South West

Table 20: South West region 16-18 hardship expenditure by category of spend (including school sixth form) 2008/09 and 2009/10

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
Exam resit fees	2,954	N/A	£98,823	4.9%	£33	2,232	703	£39,449	2.1%	£18
Books and equipment	7,998	N/A	£814,515	40.1%	£102	29,086	8,216	£1,055,108	54.9%	£36
Transport	12,733	N/A	£714,269	35.2%	£56	2,063	1,791	£292,281	15.2%	£142
Accommodation and meals	860	N/A	£96,264	4.7%	£112	2,715	572	£96,269	5.0%	£35
Additional course costs	2,722	N/A	£221,834	10.9%	£81	13,725	3,750	£400,235	20.8%	£29
Other	649	N/A	£72,051	3.5%	£111	2,423	432	£39,737	2.1%	£16

**B.1.9 West Midlands****Table 21: West Midlands region 16-18 hardship expenditure by category of spend (including school sixth form) 2008/09 and 2009/10**

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
Exam resit fees	1,780	N/A	£75,271	2.8%	£42	4,745	4,489	£169,122	6.3%	£36
Books and equipment	10,588	N/A	£848,820	32.0%	£80	13,621	11,545	£1,009,924	37.5%	£74
Transport	6,973	N/A	£815,740	30.7%	£117	5,136	3,129	£411,634	15.3%	£80
Accommodation and meals	8,883	N/A	£248,604	9.4%	£28	5,730	2,271	£446,391	16.6%	£78
Additional course costs	4,583	N/A	£393,152	14.8%	£86	5,392	4,064	£527,658	19.6%	£98
Other	1,959	N/A	£168,287	6.3%	£86	2,067	1,068	£126,856	4.7%	£61

**B.1.10 Yorkshire and Humber****Table 22: Yorkshire and Humber region 16-18 hardship expenditure by category of spend (including school sixth form) 2008/09 and 2009/10**

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
Exam resit fees	1,813	N/A	£46,210	1.9%	£25	2,217	1,929	£64,925	2.9%	£29
Books and equipment	9,499	N/A	£860,879	35.5%	£91	12,106	10,474	£1,220,061	53.6%	£101
Transport	5,213	N/A	£585,050	24.1%	£112	2,108	1,587	£246,135	10.8%	£117
Accommodation and meals	6,466	N/A	£373,913	15.4%	£58	3,941	3,055	£339,262	14.9%	£86
Additional course costs	4,836	N/A	£414,527	17.1%	£86	3,857	3,542	£339,249	14.9%	£88
Other	901	N/A	£88,718	3.7%	£98	1,811	1,045	£68,424	3.0%	£38

## B.2 16-18 Residential Bursaries

Note: Data on learner numbers was first collected in 2009/10.

### B.2.1 National

Table 23: National 16-18 residential bursary expenditure by Region 2008/09 and 2009/10

Region	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
EM	256	N/A	£474,742	9.6%	£1,854	182	333	£443,467	8.8%	£2,437
EE	300	N/A	£297,892	6.0%	£993	322	325	£263,670	5.2%	£819
LON	25	N/A	£74,500	1.5%	£2,980	46	46	£90,000	1.8%	£1,957
NE	74	N/A	£226,623	4.6%	£3,062	62	62	£210,772	4.2%	£3,400
NW	441	N/A	£571,368	11.6%	£1,296	330	330	£641,231	12.7%	£1,943
SE	1,113	N/A	£962,030	19.5%	£864	509	416	£996,588	19.7%	£1,958
SW	754	N/A	£1,310,175	26.6%	£1,738	795	767	£1,464,244	28.9%	£1,842
WM	390	N/A	£394,895	8.0%	£1,013	318	298	£418,042	8.3%	£1,315
YH	287	N/A	£615,726	12.5%	£2,145	241	241	£533,368	10.5%	£2,213
<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>3,640</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>£4,927,951</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>£1,354</b>	<b>2,805</b>	<b>2,818</b>	<b>£5,061,382</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>£1,804</b>

Table 24: National 16-18 residential bursary expenditure by category of spend 2008/09 and 2009/10

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
Accommodation	2,074	N/A	£4,290,407	87.1%	£2,069	2,077	2,095	£4,592,814	90.7%	£2,211
Travel	1,117	N/A	£397,135	8.1%	£356	528	471	£284,145	5.6%	£538
Meals	411	N/A	£230,052	4.7%	£560	168	148	£149,970	3.0%	£893
Other	38	N/A	£10,357	0.2%	£273	32	104	£34,454	0.7%	£1,077

## B.2.2 East Midlands

Table 25: East Midlands region 16-18 residential bursary expenditure by category of spend 2008/09 and 2009/10

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
Accommodation	178	N/A	£435,742	91.8%	£2,448	182	333	£443,467	100.0%	£2,437
Travel	0	N/A	£0	0.0%	N/A	0	0	£0	0.0%	N/A
Meals	78	N/A	£39,000	8.2%	£500	0	0	£0	0.0%	N/A
Other	0	N/A	£0	0.0%	N/A	0	0	£0	0.0%	N/A

### B.2.3 East of England

Table 26: East of England region 16-18 residential bursary expenditure by category of spend 2008/09 and 2009/10

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
Accommodation	117	N/A	£209,758	70.4%	£1,793	142	145	£193,667	73.5%	£1,364
Travel	135	N/A	£58,659	19.7%	£435	180	180	£70,003	26.5%	£389
Meals	48	N/A	£29,475	9.9%	£614	0	0	£0	0.0%	N/A
Other	0	N/A	£0	0.0%	N/A	0	0	£0	0.0%	N/A

### B.2.4 London

Table 27: London region 16-18 residential bursary expenditure by category of spend 2008/09 and 2009/10

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
Accommodation	25	N/A	£74,500	100.0%	£2,980	46	46	£90,000	100.0%	£1,957
Travel	0	N/A	£0	0.0%	N/A	0	0	£0	0.0%	N/A
Meals	0	N/A	£0	0.0%	N/A	0	0	£0	0.0%	N/A
Other	0	N/A	£0	0.0%	N/A	0	0	£0	0.0%	N/A

## B.2.5 North East

Table 28: North East region 16-18 residential bursary expenditure by category of spend 2008/09 and 2009/10

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
Accommodation	65	N/A	£218,841	96.6%	£3,367	51	51	£197,670	93.8%	£3,876
Travel	4	N/A	£885	0.4%	£221	6	6	£4,912	2.3%	£819
Meals	5	N/A	£6,897	3.0%	£1,379	5	5	£8,190	3.9%	£1,638
Other	0	N/A	£0	0.0%	N/A	0	0	£0	0.0%	N/A

## B.2.6 North West

Table 29: North West region 16-18 residential bursary expenditure by category of spend 2008/09 and 2009/10

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
Accommodation	300	N/A	£487,682	85.4%	£1,626	291	291	£614,187	95.8%	£2,111
Travel	7	N/A	£2,084	0.4%	£298	0	0	£0	0.0%	N/A
Meals	134	N/A	£81,602	14.3%	£609	39	39	£27,044	4.2%	£693
Other	0	N/A	£0	0.0%	N/A	0	0	£0	0.0%	N/A

## B.2.7 South East

Table 30: South East region 16-18 residential bursary expenditure by category of spend 2008/09 and 2009/10

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
Accommodation	344	N/A	£816,790	84.9%	£2,374	428	375	£907,597	91.1%	£2,121
Travel	729	N/A	£132,403	13.8%	£182	45	20	£76,726	7.7%	£1,705
Meals	8	N/A	£3,447	0.4%	£431	8	4	£3,249	0.3%	£406
Other	32	N/A	£9,390	1.0%	£293	28	17	£9,016	0.9%	£322

## B.2.8 South West

Table 31: South West region 16-18 residential bursary expenditure by category of spend 2008/09 and 2009/10

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
Accommodation	549	N/A	£1,099,559	83.9%	£2,003	524	459	£1,248,027	85.2%	£2,382
Travel	140	N/A	£150,506	11.5%	£1,075	174	143	£99,319	6.8 %	£571
Meals	59	N/A	£59,143	4.5%	£1,002	96	80	£91,898	6.3 %	£957
Other	6	N/A	£967	0.1%	£161	1	85	£25,000	1.7 %	£25,000

## B.2.9 West Midlands

Table 32: West Midlands region 16-18 residential bursary expenditure by category of spend 2008/09 and 2009/10

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
Accommodation	241	N/A	£339,762	86.0%	£1,410	221	203	£373,349	89.3%	£1,689
Travel	70	N/A	£44,645	11.3%	£638	74	73	£24,667	5.9%	£333
Meals	79	N/A	£10,488	2.7%	£133	20	20	£19,589	4.7%	£979
Other	0	N/A	£0	0.0%	N/A	3	2	£438	0.1%	£146

## B.2.10 Yorkshire and Humber

Table 33: Yorkshire and Humber region 16-18 residential bursary expenditure by category of spend 2008/09 and 2009/10

Category	2008/09 awards	2008/09 learners	2008/09 expenditure	2008/09 % expenditure	2008/09 average expenditure	2009/10 awards	2009/10 learners	2009/10 expenditure	2009/10 % expenditure	2009/10 average expenditure
Accommodation	255	N/A	£607,773	98.7%	£2,383	192	192	£524,850	98.4%	£2,734
Travel	32	N/A	£7,953	1.3%	£249	49	49	£8,518	1.6%	£174
Meals	0	N/A	£0	0.0%	N/A	0	0	£0	0.0%	N/A
Other	0	N/A	£0	0.0%	N/A	0	0	£0	0.0%	N/A

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