

LOCAL AUTHORITY BUDGETED EXPENDITURE ON SCHOOLS: 2012-13

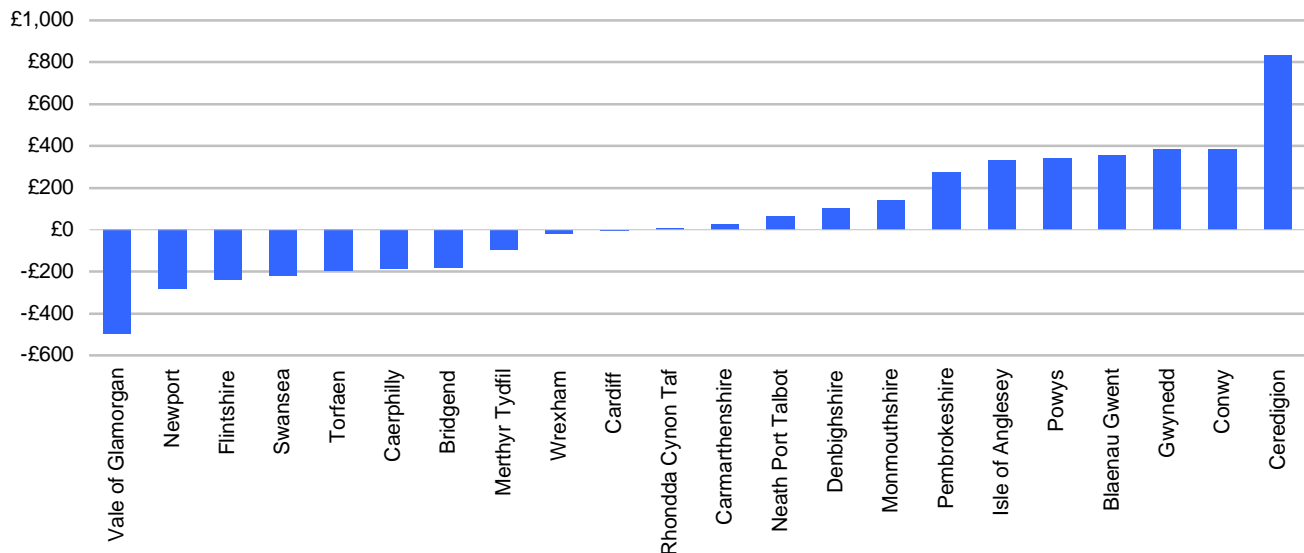
Introduction

This statistical bulletin analyses the resources that local authorities have budgeted to make available for education services in 2012-13.

Key points

- Total net revenue expenditure for education is budgeted to be £2,175 million, an increase of 0.2% over the previous year (table 1).
- Gross schools expenditure is budgeted to be £2,495 million, an increase of 1.0% over the previous year (table 2).
- Gross schools expenditure per pupil is budgeted to be £5,520, a year-on-year increase of 1.3% or £69. This can be broken down into: £4,472 per pupil delegated to schools and £1,049 per pupil retained for centrally funded school services (table 5).
- The funding delegated to schools is budgeted to be £2,021 million. The amount of funding that local authorities delegate directly to schools ranges between 77% and 84% of overall gross schools budgeted expenditure (table 3).
- 81% of the total gross schools budgeted expenditure is delegated directly to schools (table 3), an increase of 4.6 percentage points compared to the previous year.

Gross schools budgeted expenditure per pupil: difference from the Wales average, 2012-13



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Net revenue expenditure is the amount of expenditure which is supported by council tax and general support from central government, plus (or minus) any appropriations from (or to) financial reserves.

Table 1 shows Cardiff has the largest percentage increase in education net revenue expenditure at 2.7% whilst Monmouthshire has the largest decrease of 2.6%.

Table 1: Budgeted net revenue expenditure on education (a)

	<i>£ thousand</i>				
	2012-13				
	Indicator based assessment (IBA) (b)				
	2011-12	2012-13	Change in 2012-13 over 2011-12	Percentage change	(IBA) (b)
Isle of Anglesey	48,653	47,645	-1,008	-2.1	51,159
Gwynedd	86,737	87,031	294	0.3	90,755
Conwy	77,963	78,971	1,008	1.3	77,623
Denbighshire	74,857	74,955	98	0.1	74,793
Flintshire	105,055	105,663	608	0.6	109,290
Wrexham	90,079	89,688	-391	-0.4	90,967
Powys	96,376	95,981	-394	-0.4	99,401
Ceredigion	52,948	52,067	-881	-1.7	53,412
Pembrokeshire	88,524	87,870	-654	-0.7	90,939
Carmarthenshire	132,247	132,394	147	0.1	136,234
Swansea	153,479	153,865	386	0.3	159,476
Neath Port Talbot	99,729	100,947	1,218	1.2	102,619
Bridgend	102,307	104,325	2,018	2.0	100,495
Vale of Glamorgan	91,929	93,049	1,120	1.2	94,028
Cardiff	224,791	230,939	6,148	2.7	221,300
Rhondda Cynon Taf	187,243	187,641	399	0.2	181,003
Merthyr Tydfil	43,741	43,651	-90	-0.2	43,347
Caerphilly	131,305	130,611	-694	-0.5	138,368
Blaenau Gwent	53,432	52,434	-998	-1.9	50,713
Torfaen	71,587	70,052	-1,535	-2.1	71,329
Monmouthshire	57,018	55,558	-1,460	-2.6	58,979
Newport	100,783	100,024	-759	-0.8	106,715
Wales	2,170,783	2,175,363	4,580	0.2	2,202,945

Source: RA/Section 52 education budget statements

(a) The figures are on a 'net' basis, i.e. excluding grant for post-16 provision in schools and other expenditure funded by specific government grants.

(b) The indicator based assessments (IBAs) are not intended as spending targets. Local authorities set their own spending priorities under the Welsh revenue support grant distribution system.

Table 2 shows Cardiff has the largest increase of 4.2% in gross schools expenditure with Blaenau Gwent having the largest decrease at 5.9%. Cardiff has the largest increase of 2.9% in net schools expenditure and Blaenau Gwent has the largest decrease at 2.8%.

Table 2: Schools budgeted expenditure (a)

£ thousand

	Gross schools budgeted expenditure (b)				Net schools budgeted expenditure (c)			
	2011-12 (d)	2012-13	Change in 2012-13 over 2011-12		2011-12 (d)	2012-13	Change in 2012-13 over 2011-12	
			2011-12	Percentage change			2011-12	Percentage change
Isle of Anglesey	55,526	54,076	-1,450	-2.6	50,696	49,552	-1,144	-2.3
Gwynedd	97,191	98,462	1,271	1.3	88,430	88,711	281	0.3
Conwy	89,987	92,105	2,119	2.4	81,973	83,106	1,133	1.4
Denbighshire	84,056	85,925	1,869	2.2	78,226	78,275	49	0.1
Flintshire	121,197	121,439	242	0.2	110,471	110,783	311	0.3
Wrexham	98,654	101,142	2,487	2.5	90,631	90,725	95	0.1
Powys	109,233	109,353	120	0.1	101,614 (r)	100,782	-833 (r)	-0.8 (r)
Ceredigion	61,972	60,617	-1,355	-2.2	56,029	54,835	-1,194	-2.1
Pembrokeshire	105,398	103,221	-2,177	-2.1	93,780	93,087	-692	-0.7
Carmarthenshire	148,680	149,621	940	0.6	137,289	137,081	-208	-0.2
Swansea	174,236	177,564	3,328	1.9	157,557	158,136	578	0.4
Neath Port Talbot	108,216	109,254	1,038	1.0	97,972 (r)	99,101	1,129 (r)	1.2 (r)
Bridgend	116,770	119,237	2,467	2.1	108,155	109,592	1,437	1.3
Vale of Glamorgan	103,746	106,572	2,826	2.7	97,155	98,600	1,445	1.5
Cardiff	258,075	268,942	10,866	4.2	233,165	239,824	6,659	2.9
Rhondda Cynon Taf	212,700	216,544	3,844	1.8	194,562	195,460	898	0.5
Merthyr Tydfil	48,714	49,377	663	1.4	44,971	44,810	-161	-0.4
Caerphilly	145,948	148,013	2,066	1.4	133,385 (r)	132,721	-664 (r)	-0.5 (r)
Blaenau Gwent	59,661	56,133	-3,528	-5.9	54,859 (r)	53,304	-1,555 (r)	-2.8 (r)
Torfaen	82,870	80,779	-2,091	-2.5	74,348	73,005	-1,343	-1.8
Monmouthshire	65,818	65,092	-726	-1.1	60,169	58,963	-1,206	-2.0
Newport	121,067	121,584	517	0.4	108,325	108,155	-169	-0.2
Wales	2,469,715	2,495,052	25,337	1.0	2,253,762 (r)	2,258,607	4,846 (r)	0.2 (r)

Source: RA/Section 52 education budget statements

(a) Covers all elements of LEA spending that relate to school provision, i.e. school budget plus the LEA budget, including central administration of the LEA, less spending on home to college transport and further education and training for young persons and adults. The figures include the cost of educating pupils with statements of special educational needs who are educated out of county.

(b) Figures are on a 'gross' basis, i.e. including expenditure funded by specific grants.

(c) Figures are on a 'net' basis, i.e. excluding expenditure funded by specific grants but includes grants for post-16 special schools, SEN out-of-county placements, SEN mainstream, sixth form provision and retrospective adjustments.

(d) Figures have been adjusted to remove small elements of non-school funding.

(r) Revised

Table 3 shows delegated schools budgets increased by 7.2% compared with the previous year. Isle of Anglesey has the highest percentage increase at 17.9%. The Vale of Glamorgan has the highest delegation rate at 84.2% and Ceredigion has the lowest at 77.1%.

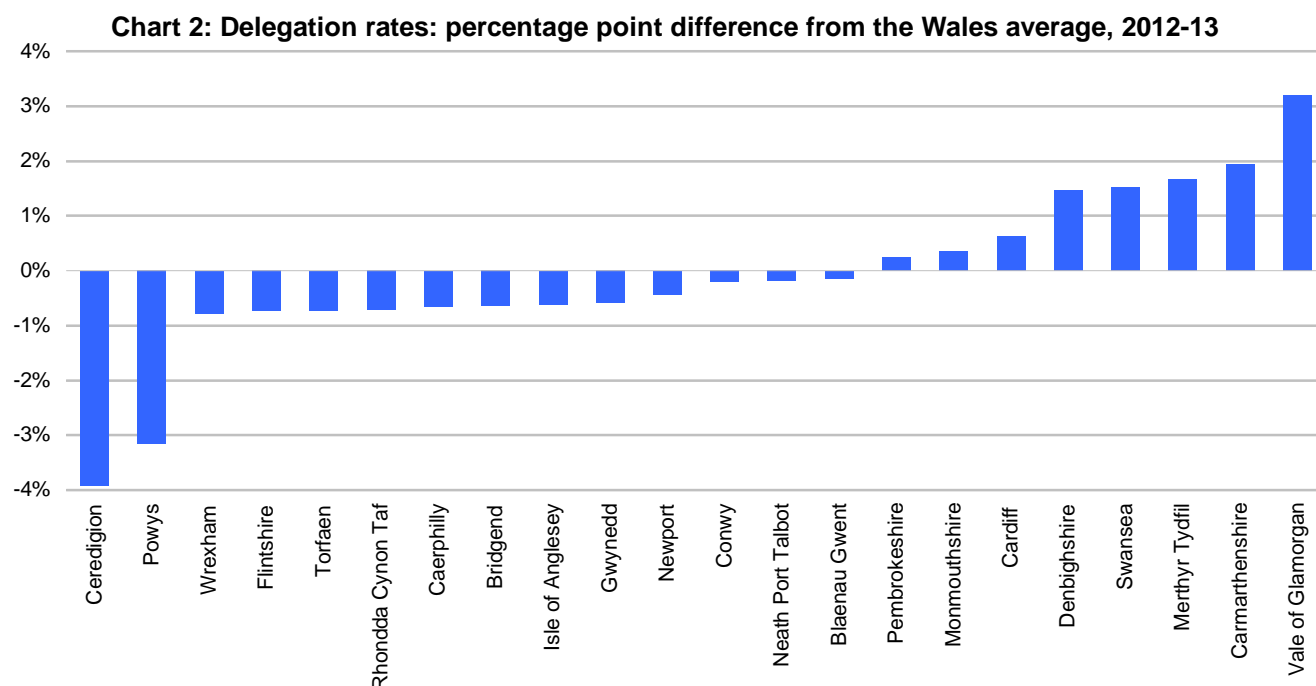
Table 3: Delegated School Budget

<i>£ thousand</i>					
Delegated schools budget (a)					
	2011-12	2012-13	Change in 2012-13 over 2011-12	Percentage change	Delegation Rate (b) 2012-13
Isle of Anglesey	36,884	43,470	6,586	17.9	80.4%
Gwynedd	73,118	79,186	6,068	8.3	80.4%
Conwy	70,746	74,419	3,673	5.2	80.8%
Denbighshire	66,496	70,865	4,369	6.6	82.5%
Flintshire	89,901	97,483	7,582	8.4	80.3%
Wrexham	74,518	81,139	6,621	8.9	80.2%
Powys	80,840	85,123	4,283	5.3	77.8%
Ceredigion	44,157	46,725	2,568	5.8	77.1%
Pembrokeshire	81,047	83,873	2,826	3.5	81.3%
Carmarthenshire	116,650	124,109	7,459	6.4	82.9%
Swansea	128,126	146,527	18,401	14.4	82.5%
Neath Port Talbot	83,302	88,303	5,001	6.0	80.8%
Bridgend	90,830	95,822	4,992	5.5	80.4%
Vale of Glamorgan	86,797	89,750	2,953	3.4	84.2%
Cardiff	205,930	219,552	13,622	6.6	81.6%
Rhondda Cynon Taf	160,136	173,872	13,736	8.6	80.3%
Merthyr Tydfil	39,117	40,822	1,705	4.4	82.7%
Caerphilly	112,307	118,935	6,628	5.9	80.4%
Blaenau Gwent	44,144	45,390	1,246	2.8	80.9%
Torfaen	61,493	64,852	3,359	5.5	80.3%
Monmouthshire	48,361	52,961	4,600	9.5	81.4%
Newport	90,915	97,966	7,051	7.8	80.6%
Wales	1,885,814	2,021,145	135,331	7.2	81.0%

Source: RA/Section 52 education budget statements

(a) Figures are on a 'gross' basis, i.e. including expenditure funded by specific grants.

(b) The delegation rate is calculated by dividing the amounts delegated to schools by the gross schools budgeted expenditure. Delegation rates will vary based on the services provided centrally by local authorities.



Over the past decade the proportion of budget delegated to schools has varied at around 75-77%. For 2012-13, this figure increased to 81%. This is in the context of a commitment by the Education and Skills Minister for Local Authorities to delegate 80% of all school funding directly to schools.

Chart 3: Breakdown of gross school budgeted expenditure over time

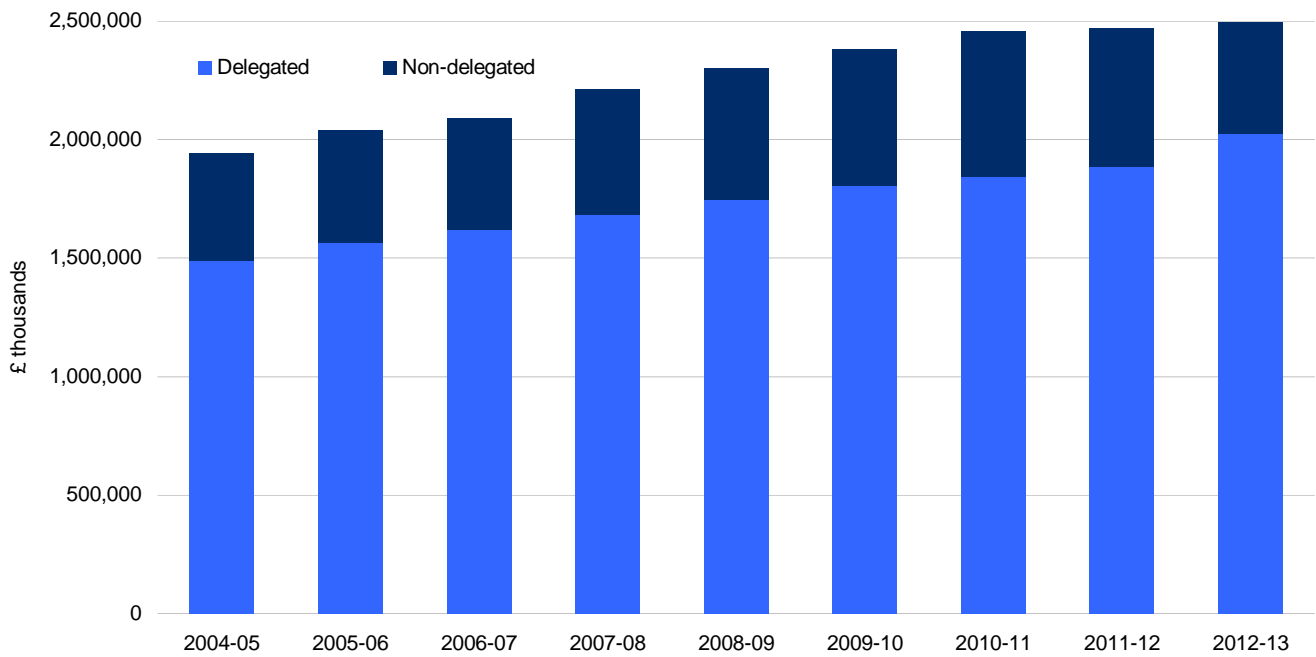


Table 4 shows budgeted expenditure per pupil on centrally funded schools services. The Vale of Glamorgan retains the least amount of funding centrally at £793 per pupil whilst Ceredigion retains the most at £1,456 per pupil.

Table 4: Centrally funded schools budgets, 2012-13 (a)

	Schools budget					LEA budget						£ per pupil	Memo: Centrally funded schools budget (£ thousand)
	Special educational needs (b)	Inter authority recoupment	Staff	Other schools budget	Capital expenditure charged to revenue account	Special educational needs	School improvement	Access to education (excluding transport)	Home to school transport	Strategic management	Other LEA budget	Total centrally funded schools budget	
Isle of Anglesey	153	121	1	434	0	26	50	100	116	147	0	1,148	10,606
Gwynedd	215	-10	5	271	76	25	82	88	232	172	0	1,155	19,276
Conwy	156	35	6	405	0	55	48	57	246	126	0	1,134	17,686
Denbighshire	176	-103	16	203	0	41	108	170	240	134	0	985	15,059
Flintshire	222	151	0	122	31	21	93	46	258	98	0	1,042	23,956
Wrexham	114	67	103	423	0	18	43	37	211	72	0	1,088	20,002
Powys	193	-14	17	349	11	19	101	37	466	120	0	1,298	24,230
Ceredigion	244	-54	10	333	0	44	99	83	494	180	23	1,456	13,892
Pembrokeshire	129	95	1	188	56	63	55	43	303	153	0	1,087	19,348
Carmarthenshire	145	24	2	168	0	63	56	37	287	164	0	945	25,511
Swansea	256	21	15	186	0	40	43	101	225	41	0	927	31,037
Neath Port Talbot	101	37	3	262	0	120	69	129	270	65	14	1,071	20,951
Bridgend	232	-47	15	254	57	39	38	102	223	134	0	1,048	23,415
Vale of Glamorgan	200	-106	18	249	0	45	34	75	161	116	0	793	16,822
Cardiff	123	102	7	256	0	43	64	192	113	114	0	1,013	49,389
Rhondda Cynon Taf	143	43	6	165	0	40	22	260	248	161	1	1,090	42,673
Merthyr Tydfil	170	18	6	189	0	72	54	75	190	162	2	940	8,555
Caerphilly	221	56	27	201	0	53	51	36	212	189	4	1,049	29,078
Blaenau Gwent	194	0	1	106	12	73	68	143	180	347	0	1,125	10,743
Torfaen	88	57	3	306	0	38	93	110	154	200	0	1,050	15,927
Monmouthshire	184	37	0	233	0	28	34	32	324	183	0	1,055	12,130
Newport	122	140	2	290	0	16	57	148	152	90	0	1,018	23,618
Wales	170	38	12	243	10	44	59	108	230	133	1	1,049	473,906
Minimum	88	-106	0	106	0	16	22	32	113	41	0	793	
Maximum	256	151	103	434	76	120	108	260	494	347	23	1,456	

Source: RA/Section 52 education budget statements

(a) Schools expenditure covers all elements of local education authority spending that relate to school provision. Figures are on a 'gross' basis, i.e. including funding from all sources.

(b) Figures include the cost of educating pupils with statements of special educational needs who are educated out of county. Expenditure on pupil referral units is included, however the pupil numbers are not included in the calculation of 'spend per pupil' as they are not available from the section 52 return. Please see notes for definitions.

Table 5 shows the total gross schools budgeted expenditure per pupil. Ceredigion has the highest spend per pupil at £6,354 whilst the Vale of Glamorgan has the lowest at £5,022. Rhondda Cynon Taf has the highest increase in spend per pupil over the previous year of 3.2% and Blaenau Gwent has a decrease of 4.0%.

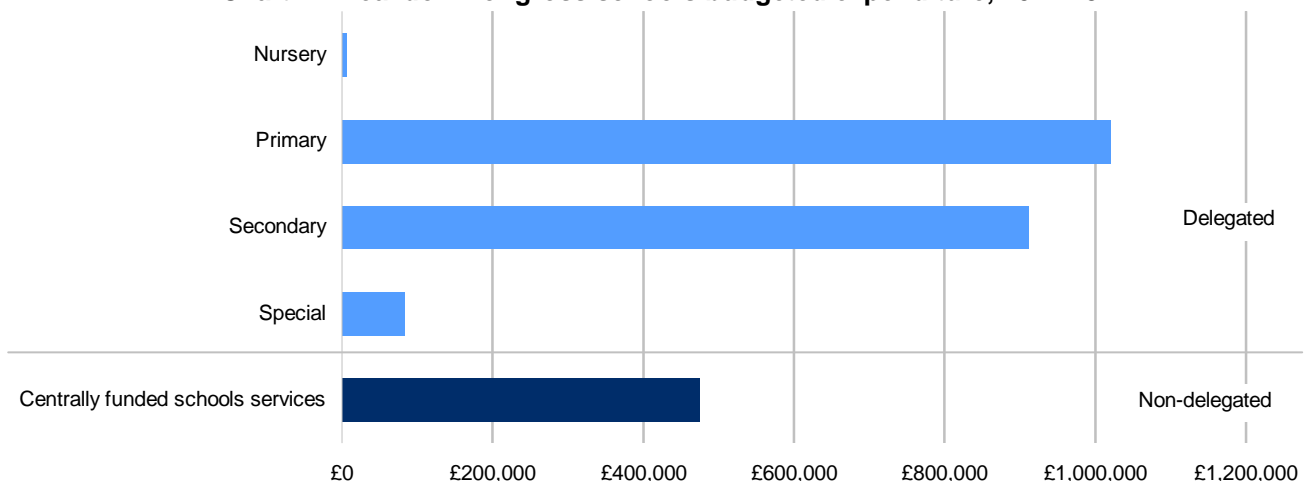
Table 5: Total gross schools budgeted expenditure per pupil, 2012-13 (a)

	Delegated schools budget					Centrally funded schools budget (b)	Gross schools budgeted expenditure (b)		
	Nursery	Primary	Secondary	Special	All sectors (b)		2011-12	2012-13	Percentage change
Isle of Anglesey	0	4,648	4,577	16,486	4,706	1,148	5,983	5,854	-2.1
Gwynedd	0	4,517	4,800	16,211	4,746	1,155	5,799	5,901	1.8
Conwy	0	4,476	4,727	21,246	4,773	1,134	5,786	5,907	2.1
Denbighshire	0	4,143	4,636	19,481	4,635	985	5,468	5,620	2.8
Flintshire	4,235	3,955	4,284	16,930	4,239	1,042	5,285	5,280	-0.1
Wrexham	16,579	3,999	4,776	12,776	4,415	1,088	5,423	5,503	1.5
Powys	0	4,196	4,514	18,122	4,560	1,298	5,784	5,858	1.3
Ceredigion	0	4,407	5,418	0 (c)	4,898	1,456	6,439	6,354	-1.3
Pembrokeshire	0	4,500	4,687	22,227	4,710	1,087	5,871	5,796	-1.3
Carmarthenshire	4,839	4,278	4,778	24,583	4,598	945	5,552	5,543	-0.2
Swansea	0	3,944	4,799	19,305	4,376	927	5,162	5,303	2.7
Neath Port Talbot	0	4,136	4,673	19,251	4,514	1,071	5,490	5,585	1.7
Bridgend	11,138	3,808	4,313	18,171	4,290	1,048	5,233	5,338	2.0
Vale of Glamorgan	6,614	3,813	4,191	22,303	4,229	793	4,901	5,022	2.5
Cardiff	7,199	4,048	4,704	20,433	4,504	1,013	5,354	5,517	3.0
Rhondda Cynon Taf	8,475	4,066	4,583	15,283	4,440	1,090	5,359	5,529	3.2
Merthyr Tydfil	5,708	4,040	4,631	14,835	4,485	940	5,363	5,425	1.2
Caerphilly	0	3,960	4,498	24,964	4,289	1,049	5,193	5,337	2.8
Blaenau Gwent	0	4,777	4,320	21,420	4,751	1,125	6,119	5,876	-4.0
Torfaen	8,051	4,004	4,319	20,517	4,274	1,050	5,400	5,323	-1.4
Monmouthshire	0	4,217	4,681	49,311	4,607	1,055	5,664	5,662	-0.0
Newport	6,509	3,942	4,302	23,361	4,222	1,018	5,264	5,240	-0.5
Wales	7,000	4,114	4,589	19,174	4,472	1,049	5,451	5,520	1.3
Minimum	0	3,808	4,191	0	4,222	793	4,901	5,022	-4.0
Maximum	16,579	4,777	5,418	49,311	4,898	1,456	6,439	6,354	3.2

Source: RA/Section 52 education budget statements

- (a) Figures are on a 'gross' basis, i.e. including funding from all sources.
 (b) The £ per pupil figures shown here are an average across all sectors.
 (c) There are no special schools within Ceredigion, although the LA has classes within mainstream education which cater for pupils with statements of special educational needs.

Chart 4: Breakdown of gross schools budgeted expenditure, 2012-13



TECHNICAL NOTES ON BUDGETED EXPENDITURE ON SCHOOLS

Data sources

Budget returns for education spending are required by section 52 of the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998. Authorities' Section 52 returns and Revenue Account (RA) forms have been used to determine overall changes in local authority budgets, changes in education budgets and amounts delegated to schools.

The numbers of pupils used for the calculations are based on full-time equivalent pupil numbers in nursery, primary, secondary and special schools, as shown in S52 Part 1 returns, i.e. the pupil numbers on which Local Authorities (LAs) based their budgets.

Policy Context

The gross schools budgeted expenditure is made up of the delegated schools budget, the schools budget and the LEA budget and includes funding from all sources. In 2012-13, the Minister for Education and Skills made a commitment for Local Authorities to delegate 80% of all school funding directly to schools. The Minister also made a commitment to increase net delegated school budgets every year by 1% above the block grant received from the UK Government.

Revisions

The revisions affect table 2 of this bulletin and do not change the headline statistics published on 27 June.

Revisions to this bulletin have arisen to correct an error in the 2011-12 budget data for 4 local authorities. This is due to an incorrectly adjusted figure for 'net schools' expenditure for these authorities. The data for 2012-13, all headline figures and all other data remain unaffected. Details of the revisions are shown below:

	Net schools budgeted expenditure					
	2011-12		change in 2012-13 over 2011-12		Percentage change	
	Published	Revised	Published	Revised	Published	Revised
Powys	101,018	101,614	-237	-833	-0.2	-0.8
Neath Port Talbot	97,432	97,972	1,669	1,129	1.7	1.2
Caerphilly	128,425	133,385	4,296	-664	3.3	-0.5
Blaenau Gwent	54,441	54,859	-1,137	-1,555	-2.1	-2.8
Wales	2,247,248	2,253,762	11,360	4,846	0.5	0.2

Definitions

Sources of funding

Local authority budgets for education services are funded mainly from shares of revenue support grant, council tax and redistributed non-domestic rates. In addition, funding is provided through specific grants provided by the Welsh Government, including grants for post-16 provision in schools. The grant for post-16 provision in schools forms part of core funding for schools and is part of a local authority's schools budget.

The provisions of the Education Act 2002 brought into force for financial year 2004-05 through the "LEA Budget, Schools Budget and Individual Schools Budget (Wales) Regulations 2003" require local authorities to allocate expenditure to 3 budgets. These are: **LEA budget** (covers central LA functions involved in Additional Learning Needs; school improvement; access to education; further education and training for young persons and adults and strategic management - as set out in Schedule 1 to the 2003 Regulations), **the schools budget** (covers expenditure directly aimed at supporting schools and comprises of expenditure on services for which the LA retains funding centrally, such as: Additional Learning Needs services, school meals and milk and the **Individual Schools Budget** or funding delegated to schools).

To focus comparisons, non-school expenditure such as further education and training for young persons and adults, youth service and home to college transport have been excluded throughout.

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