

Top up funding (Element 3) 2025/26

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To: Further education institutions in England supporting high needs Welsh domiciled learners

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Summary:

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1. Top-up funding (Element 3) is additional funding provided by Medr to support high-needs Welsh domiciled learners studying in an English FE institution.
2. It applies where the cost of required educational support exceeds that which can reasonably be met through core provision (Element 1) and the provider's £6,000 notional additional learning support contribution (Element 2). Elements 1, 2 and 3 refer to the English Department for Education (DfE) high needs funding framework, which structures funding for learners with additional learning support needs.
3. Element 3 funding is intended to meet the evidenced and assessed cost of sustained, individualised educational support, is awarded on a named learner basis, and must not be used as a determinant of admission. Funding is agreed through a formal annual application process, requires clear evidence of need and cost to be retained for audit, and is subject to monitoring and regular review to ensure it remains appropriate, proportionate, educational, and outcomes focused.

Funding amounts 2025/26

Further education institution	Top up funding amount	Number of learners supported via Top up funding
Gloucestershire College	£6,417.64	1
Hereford College of Arts	£7,147.50	2
Reaseheath College	£15,433.78	5
Cheshire College – South and West	£5,541.42	1
Herefordshire, Ludlow and North Shropshire College (HLSNC)	£107,824.35	11
Shrewsbury College	£7,894.16	4
Total	£150,258.85	24

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