

A Young Person Guide to High Needs Funding post 16

- High Needs Funding (HNF) is money that Further Education (FE) colleges or approved Educational Establishments can apply for to help them to support you.
- You will have been identified as having a high level of Additional Learning Support needs (ALS).
- The educational establishment will work with you to identify the provision and support needed to enable you to progress and complete your course.
- FE HNF is only available for you if you are 16-18 (and not in a school 6th Form) or 16-25 with an Education Health Care Plan and in college or an alternative registered education provider.
- All colleges/ registered educational establishments are provided with funding to meet the first £6,000 of ALS provision over the course of a year.
- The Local Authority (KCC for example) is required to provide the college with top up funding for the costs in excess of £6,000 where appropriate.
- For this application you will be asked to sign a consent form
- Once the application for HNF is received by the Local Authority it is considered by the specialist High Needs Funding Team.
- The system is different for mainstream schools, academies and free schools, (Please see separate guidance)