

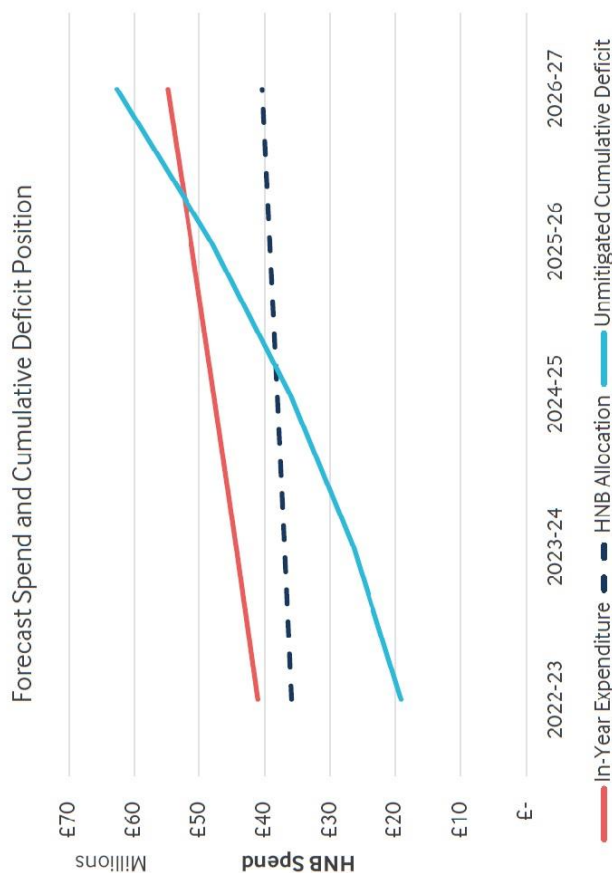
Appendix G: SEND: High Needs Block (Cumulative deficit)

Cumulative deficit position



To build a forecast deficit position if we do nothing (the unmitigated forecast) we need to look at the underlying drivers behind historical spend by provision – the number of EHCPs and the average annual cost per child broken down by provision type

Year	In Year Expenditure (unmitigated)	Unmitigated Cumulative Deficit	Allocation
2022-23	£41.0m	£19.1m	£35.9m
2023-24	£44.4m	£26.4m	£37.0m
2024-25	£47.8m	£31.1m	£38.1m
2025-26	£51.3m	£48.2m	£39.2m
2026-27	£54.9m	£62.7m	£40.4m



If historical trends hold and growth is as forecast, **cumulative HNB deficit** could be around £74m in 2027.

Assumptions

- HNB Allocation increases in line with DfE guidance (pre the Autumn statement), 5% next year and then 3% yearly afterwards
- Please note is that this is the unmitigated deficit for the HNB excluding all other DSG blocks.