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Updating the Settlement with 2019 PLASC data

Summary

1. This paper provides analysis of the latest pupil numbers and eligibility for Free School Meals taken from the January 2019 Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC).

2. Tables 1 and 2 compare the 2019 counts with 2018 for each Local Authority. Tables 4-5 exemplify the impact of the updated data on the 2018-19 Total SSA.

Views sought

3. For information and discussion only.

Related Papers

Distribution Sub-Group (2018) - Paper 19: 2018 PLASC data

Distribution Sub-Group (2017) - Paper 08: Impact of the 2017 PLASC data

Background

4. The Settlement indicators relating to pupil numbers are updated on an annual basis using the latest Pupil Level Annual School Census. The data is a snapshot at January of the academic year and is subject to a rigorous validation exercise undertaken by statistical colleagues and the Local Government Finance team within the Welsh Government.

5. The PLASC is the most accurate and robust source of data for pupil numbers and using this as a proxy for need to spend on education services ensures that the Settlement remains reactive to real movements in the number of pupils requiring education.

6. Eligibility for Free School Meals provides a proxy for the additional need to spend on education services arising from deprived populations. In May 2018 DSG agreed to use three-year averages of the free school meals data in the settlement calculations for the 2018-19 settlement and future settlements to account for volatility in the data.

7. Updates to pupil numbers and Free School Meals affect the following IBAs within the settlement:

- Nursery and primary school teaching and other services;
- Secondary school teaching and other services;
- Secondary school transport services;
- Adult and continuing education transport;
- Teachers' Pay Grant;
- Education administration; and

- General administration.

Analysis

<u>Changes to pupil numbers</u>

8. Table 1 compares pupil numbers from the 2019 PLASC with the previous year. At the Wales level, overall pupil numbers have increased by around 2,760 pupils to a total of 425,456 pupils. The increase was primarily driven by Cardiff's figure of 507 and Newport's figure of 483 pupils). The only decrease was in Monmouthshire of 110 pupils. Changes in percentage shares across Wales ranged from -0.04 per cent to 0.08 percentage points.

9. At the sector level, nursery & primary school pupils decreased by 408 pupils, and secondary pupils increased by 3,170 pupils.

10. The main drivers of the decrease in nursery & primary school pupils are Swansea and Gwynedd with 185 and 151 pupils less than the previous year, respectively. Newport recorded the highest increase 207 pupils. The shift in pupils across Wales results in a fall in the share for Swansea of 0.06 percentage points and for Gwynedd of 0.05 percentage points. At the other end, Newport's percentage share increased by 0.09.

11. The increase in secondary school pupils was primarily driven by Cardiff with an additional 537 pupils and Rhondda Cynon Taf with an additional 347 pupils. The largest fall in pupil numbers for secondary schools was seen in Blaenau Gwent (29 pupils). Powys sees a decreases of 0.07 percentage share points. This decrease in the Wales share is offset by Cardiff's share change which sees an increase of 0.12 percentage points.

<u>Changes to Free School Meals using a three-year average compared with previous three year average PLASC data</u>

12. Table 2 compares the number of pupils eligible for free school meals in a three year average from 2016 to 2018 with a three-year average from 2017 to 2019.

13. At the Wales level, overall eligibility for FSM when using a three-year average increased by 410 pupils. The main drivers of this increase in FSM were Swansea and Torfaen with increases of 231 and 189 respectively. At the sector level, eligibility for FSM for nursery and primary schools increased by 323 pupils when compared with the three year average up to 2018. Eligibility for FSM for Secondary schools pupils increased by 86.

14. The largest decrease in eligibility for FSM for nursery and primary was Caerphilly with a decrease of 121 pupils (0.32 percentage share points). The largest increase in FSM eligibility was seen in Swansea with an increase of 154 pupils (0.28 percentage share points).

15. For secondary schools, Caerphilly sees the largest fall in pupils eligible for FSM (93 pupils), whilst Torfaen sees the largest increase in pupils eligible for FSM (81 pupils). The shift in percentage shares across Wales results in the largest fall in the percentage share for Caerphilly of 0.38 percentage points, with Torfaen gaining in their percentages share by 0.30 percentage points.

Impact on the Standard Spending Assessment

16. Tables 3-5 in Annex A exemplify the impact of the 2018 PLASC on the 2019-20 Total SSA: (Table 3) updated pupil numbers only, (Table 4) updated free school meals only using a three-year average compared with using a three-year average 2018 PLASC and (Table 5) combined update.

17. The majority of the change is concentrated in the two largest education IBAs 'nursery and primary school teaching and other services' and 'secondary school teaching and other services'. Minor distributional changes occurred in the other IBAs whose formulae include PLASC data as mentioned in paragraph 7.

18. Table 3 shows the changes in Total education SSA are in line with the changes to pupil numbers as Newport's share increased by 0.5 percentage points (£1.1m) whilst Monmouthshire's share decreased by 0.03 percentage points (£0.65m).

19. Table 4 shows that the latest data for the free school meals three year average would result in a redistribution of Total Education SSA ranging from -£580 thousand for Caerphilly to £456 thousand for Swansea when compared with the 2018 three year average PLASC data.

20. Table 5 shows the combined impact of updating the PLASC and FSM data using a three year average. Changes in percentage shares of Total education SSA ranges from a 0.04 percentage share points reduction for Caerphilly to a 0.06 percentage points increase in Newport's share. The combined impact of higher primary school and secondary school pupil numbers drives a notable increase of about £1.3m in total SSA for Newport. Caerphilly has reductions of £0.9m, due to decrease in their relative share of both pupil numbers and eFSM data indicators.

Conclusion

21. There are 2,762 more pupils overall in Wales in January 2019 compared with January 2018. There are 408 less pupils in nursery and primary schools and 3,170 more pupils in secondary schools than in 2018.

22. The overall modelled distributional change to the 2019-20 SSA resulting from the latest data and taking a three-year average of the FSM data, is an increase of £1.3m for Newport and a decrease of £0.9m for Caerphilly. The redistribution in funding reflects the most up to date indication of need to spend on education services.

23. The exemplifications are based on the isolated effect of the PLASC on the 2019-20 Settlement. The exemplifications do not account for any other changes in data that will be made for the 2020-21 Settlement, for example: the impact of transfers in and out, for the impact of changes in formulae resulting from IBA reviews or any other structural changes to the overall formula.

24. A separate DSG paper will provide further analysis on the updated eFSM data and the distributional effect universal credit could be having on the data.

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Table 1 - Main settlement indicators of pupil numbers from 2019 PLASC compared to 2018 PLASC

Local Authority	Nursery & Primary schools[1]						Secondary schools[2]						All pupils[3]					
	2018 PLASC		2019 PLASC		Difference		2018 PLASC		2019 PLASC		Difference		2018 PLASC		2019 PLASC		Difference	
	Pupils	Share	Pupils	Share	Pupils	Share	Pupils	Share	Pupils	Share	Pupils	Share	Pupils	Share	Pupils	Share	Pupils	Share
Isle of Anglesey	5,659	2.14%	5,675	2.15%	16	0.01%	3,198	2.02%	3,187	1.97%	-11	-0.05%	8,857	2.10%	8,862	2.08%	5	-0.01%
Gwynedd	9,559	3.62%	9,408	3.57%	-151	-0.05%	6,074	3.83%	6,276	3.88%	202	0.05%	15,633	3.70%	15,684	3.69%	51	-0.01%
Conwy	8,598	3.26%	8,604	3.26%	6	0.01%	5,403	3.41%	5,454	3.37%	51	-0.04%	14,001	3.31%	14,058	3.30%	57	-0.01%
Denbighshire	8,363	3.17%	8,382	3.18%	19	0.01%	5,722	3.61%	5,839	3.61%	117	0.00%	14,085	3.33%	14,221	3.34%	136	0.01%
Flintshire	13,331	5.05%	13,255	5.03%	-76	-0.02%	8,092	5.10%	8,232	5.09%	140	-0.01%	21,423	5.07%	21,487	5.05%	64	-0.02%
Wrexham	12,418	4.70%	12,366	4.69%	-52	-0.01%	5,923	3.73%	6,081	3.76%	158	0.02%	18,341	4.34%	18,447	4.34%	106	0.00%
Powys	9,755	3.69%	9,749	3.70%	-6	0.00%	6,297	3.97%	6,306	3.90%	9	-0.07%	16,052	3.80%	16,055	3.77%	3	-0.02%
Ceredigion	5,131	1.94%	5,086	1.93%	-45	-0.01%	3,487	2.20%	3,613	2.23%	126	0.03%	8,618	2.04%	8,699	2.04%	81	0.01%
Pembrokeshire	9,911	3.75%	9,919	3.76%	8	0.01%	5,749	3.62%	5,886	3.64%	137	0.01%	15,660	3.70%	15,805	3.71%	145	0.01%
Carmarthenshire	15,094	5.72%	15,074	5.72%	-20	0.00%	9,632	6.07%	9,768	6.04%	136	-0.03%	24,726	5.85%	24,842	5.84%	116	-0.01%
Swansea	20,386	7.72%	20,201	7.66%	-185	-0.06%	12,146	7.66%	12,364	7.64%	218	-0.02%	32,532	7.70%	32,565	7.65%	33	-0.04%
Neath Port Talbot	11,562	4.38%	11,582	4.39%	20	0.01%	7,644	4.82%	7,743	4.79%	99	-0.03%	19,206	4.54%	19,325	4.54%	119	0.00%
Bridgend	12,505	4.74%	12,480	4.73%	-25	0.00%	7,527	4.74%	7,760	4.80%	233	0.05%	20,032	4.74%	20,240	4.76%	208	0.02%
The Vale of Glamorgan	12,278	4.65%	12,238	4.64%	-40	-0.01%	7,475	4.71%	7,712	4.77%	237	0.05%	19,753	4.67%	19,950	4.69%	197	0.02%
Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	20,971	7.94%	20,923	7.94%	-48	-0.01%	13,481	8.50%	13,828	8.55%	347	0.05%	34,452	8.15%	34,751	8.17%	299	0.02%
Merthyr Tydfil	5,342	2.02%	5,386	2.04%	44	0.02%	2,877	1.81%	2,921	1.81%	44	-0.01%	8,219	1.94%	8,307	1.95%	88	0.01%
Caerphilly	15,987	6.05%	15,921	6.04%	-66	-0.02%	9,913	6.25%	10,039	6.20%	126	-0.04%	25,900	6.13%	25,960	6.10%	60	-0.03%
Blaenau Gwent	5,706	2.16%	5,782	2.19%	76	0.03%	2,875	1.81%	2,846	1.76%	-29	-0.05%	8,581	2.03%	8,628	2.03%	47	0.00%
Torfaen	8,254	3.13%	8,284	3.14%	30	0.02%	5,442	3.43%	5,479	3.39%	37	-0.04%	13,696	3.24%	13,763	3.23%	67	-0.01%
Monmouthshire	6,796	2.57%	6,706	2.54%	-90	-0.03%	3,948	2.49%	3,928	2.43%	-20	-0.06%	10,744	2.54%	10,634	2.50%	-110	-0.04%
Newport	14,662	5.55%	14,869	5.64%	207	0.09%	8,451	5.33%	8,727	5.39%	276	0.07%	23,113	5.47%	23,596	5.55%	483	0.08%
Cardiff	31,792	12.04%	31,762	12.05%	-30	0.01%	17,278	10.89%	17,815	11.01%	537	0.12%	49,070	11.61%	49,577	11.65%	507	0.04%
Wales	264,060	100.00%	263,652	100.00%	-408	0.00%	158,634	100.00%	161,804	100.00%	3,170	0.00%	422,694	100.00%	425,456	100.00%	2,762	0.00%

Source: Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) and Pupils Educated Other Than At School (EOTAS), Welsh Government

[1] Adjusted Nursery pupils & Primary pupils (maintained and EOTAS settings)

[2] Secondary pupils in year groups up to and including year 11 (maintained and EOTAS settings)

[3] Nursery & Primary Schools + Secondary schools

Annex A

Table 2 – Eligible for Free School Meals settlement indicators 2017 to 2019 PLASC average compared to 2016 to 2018 PLASC

Local Authority	Nursery & Primary schools[1]						Secondary schools[2]						All pupils[3]					
	2016 to 2018 eFSM		2017 to 2019 eFSM		Difference		2016 to 2018 eFSM		2017 to 2019 eFSM		Difference		2016 to 2018 eFSM		2017 to 2019 eFSM		Difference	
	Pupils	Share	Pupils	Share	Pupils	Share	Pupils	Share	Pupils	Share	Pupils	Share	Pupils	Share	Pupils	Share	Pupils	Share
Isle of Anglesey	843	1.86%	835	1.83%	-8	-0.03%	507	1.92%	488	1.84%	-19	-0.08%	1,350	1.88%	1,323	1.84%	-27	-0.05%
Gwynedd	1,208	2.67%	1,163	2.55%	-45	-0.12%	681	2.58%	670	2.53%	-11	-0.05%	1,889	2.64%	1,833	2.54%	-56	-0.09%
Conwy	1,365	3.01%	1,402	3.08%	37	0.06%	811	3.07%	814	3.07%	3	0.00%	2,176	3.04%	2,216	3.07%	40	0.04%
Denbighshire	1,491	3.29%	1,504	3.30%	13	0.00%	940	3.56%	957	3.61%	17	0.05%	2,432	3.39%	2,461	3.41%	29	0.02%
Flintshire	1,901	4.20%	1,993	4.37%	92	0.17%	1,084	4.11%	1,131	4.27%	47	0.16%	2,986	4.17%	3,124	4.33%	138	0.17%
Wrexham	1,963	4.34%	2,045	4.49%	82	0.15%	886	3.36%	919	3.47%	33	0.11%	2,849	3.98%	2,964	4.11%	115	0.14%
Powys	1,034	2.28%	1,052	2.31%	18	0.02%	637	2.41%	637	2.40%	-	-0.01%	1,671	2.33%	1,689	2.34%	18	0.01%
Ceredigion	592	1.31%	577	1.27%	-15	-0.04%	361	1.37%	370	1.40%	9	0.03%	953	1.33%	947	1.31%	-6	-0.02%
Pembrokeshire	1,508	3.33%	1,523	3.34%	15	0.01%	904	3.43%	907	3.42%	3	0.00%	2,412	3.37%	2,430	3.37%	18	0.01%
Carmarthenshire	2,423	5.35%	2,391	5.24%	-32	-0.11%	1,480	5.60%	1,464	5.53%	-16	-0.08%	3,902	5.44%	3,855	5.35%	-47	-0.10%
Swansea	3,841	8.48%	3,995	8.76%	154	0.28%	2,244	8.50%	2,321	8.76%	77	0.26%	6,085	8.49%	6,316	8.76%	231	0.27%
Neath Port Talbot	2,496	5.51%	2,554	5.60%	58	0.09%	1,593	6.03%	1,584	5.98%	-9	-0.05%	4,089	5.71%	4,138	5.74%	49	0.04%
Bridgend	2,217	4.90%	2,252	4.94%	35	0.04%	1,246	4.72%	1,246	4.70%	-0	-0.02%	3,463	4.83%	3,498	4.85%	35	0.02%
The Vale of Glamorgan	1,477	3.26%	1,486	3.26%	9	0.00%	929	3.52%	902	3.41%	-27	-0.11%	2,406	3.36%	2,388	3.31%	-18	-0.04%
Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	4,416	9.75%	4,349	9.54%	-67	-0.22%	2,561	9.70%	2,545	9.61%	-16	-0.09%	6,977	9.73%	6,894	9.56%	-83	-0.17%
Merthyr Tydfil	1,030	2.28%	1,014	2.22%	-16	-0.05%	600	2.27%	595	2.25%	-5	-0.03%	1,630	2.27%	1,609	2.23%	-21	-0.04%
Caerphilly	3,201	7.07%	3,080	6.76%	-121	-0.32%	2,074	7.86%	1,981	7.48%	-93	-0.38%	5,276	7.36%	5,061	7.02%	-215	-0.34%
Blaenau Gwent	1,313	2.90%	1,235	2.71%	-78	-0.19%	696	2.64%	633	2.39%	-63	-0.25%	2,009	2.80%	1,868	2.59%	-141	-0.21%
Torfaen	1,471	3.25%	1,578	3.46%	107	0.21%	896	3.39%	977	3.69%	81	0.30%	2,366	3.30%	2,555	3.54%	189	0.24%
Monmouthshire	701	1.55%	699	1.53%	-2	-0.01%	398	1.51%	399	1.51%	1	0.00%	1,099	1.53%	1,098	1.52%	-1	-0.01%
Newport	2,559	5.65%	2,656	5.83%	97	0.17%	1,471	5.57%	1,484	5.60%	13	0.03%	4,031	5.62%	4,140	5.74%	109	0.12%
Cardiff	6,220	13.74%	6,210	13.62%	-10	-0.12%	3,401	12.88%	3,465	13.08%	64	0.20%	9,621	13.42%	9,675	13.42%	54	0.00%
Wales	45,270	100.00%	45,593	100.00%	323	0.00%	26,403	100.00%	26,489	100.00%	86	0.00%	71,672	100.00%	72,082	100.00%	410	0.00%

Source: Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) and Pupils Educated Other Than At School (EOTAS), Welsh Government

[1] Adjusted Nursery pupils & Primary pupils (maintained and EOTAS settings)

[2] Secondary pupils in year groups up to and including year 11 (maintained and EOTAS settings)

[3] Nursery & Primary Schools + Secondary schools

Table 3 - Exemplification to show the impact of updated pupil numbers <u>only</u> on the 2019-20 SSA

	PLASC 2018	% share	PLASC 2019	% share	Difference	% change
Isle of Anglesey	52,711,605	2.3%	52,462,084	2.3%	- 249,521	-0.01%
Gwynedd	91,265,880	4.0%	91,110,567	4.0%	- 155,313	-0.01%
Conwy	78,465,029	3.5%	78,281,978	3.4%	- 183,051	-0.01%
Denbighshire	76,847,614	3.4%	76,952,205	3.4%	104,591	0.00%
Flintshire	113,500,984	5.0%	113,256,146	5.0%	- 244,838	-0.01%
Wrexham	96,304,937	4.2%	96,384,180	4.2%	79,243	0.00%
Powys	95,795,454	4.2%	95,362,242	4.2%	- 433,212	-0.02%
Ceredigion	52,760,442	2.3%	52,932,867	2.3%	172,424	0.01%
Pembrokeshire	89,664,425	3.9%	89,834,338	4.0%	169,913	0.01%
Carmarthenshire	139,851,759	6.2%	139,597,087	6.1%	- 254,672	-0.01%
Swansea	168,453,428	7.4%	167,867,342	7.4%	- 586,086	-0.03%
Neath Port Talbot	105,443,847	4.6%	105,333,007	4.6%	- 110,840	0.00%
Bridgend	104,139,635	4.6%	104,456,133	4.6%	316,498	0.01%
The Vale of Glamorgan	98,826,884	4.3%	99,127,127	4.4%	300,243	0.01%
Rhondda Cynon Taf	185,305,633	8.2%	185,624,168	8.2%	318,535	0.01%
Merthyr Tydfil	43,690,583	1.9%	43,774,745	1.9%	84,162	0.00%
Caerphilly	139,798,283	6.1%	139,428,694	6.1%	- 369,589	-0.02%
Blaenau Gwent	47,757,850	2.1%	47,695,066	2.1%	- 62,784	0.00%
Torfaen	70,644,549	3.1%	70,446,122	3.1%	- 198,427	-0.01%
Monmouthshire	59,644,047	2.6%	58,992,168	2.6%	- 651,879	-0.03%
Newport	116,404,121	5.1%	117,535,913	5.2%	1,131,791	0.05%
Cardiff	246,319,826	10.8%	247,142,640	10.9%	822,813	0.04%
Wales	2,273,596,818	100.0%	2,273,596,818	100.0%		

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Table 4 – Exemplification to show the impact of updated FSM <u>only</u> using a three year average on the 2019-20 SSA

	eFSM 2016 to 2018	% share	eFSM 2017 to 2019	% share	Difference	% change
Isle of Anglesey	52,711,605	2.3%	52,623,255	2.3%	- 88,350	0.00%
Gwynedd	91,265,880	4.0%	91,119,401	4.0%	- 146,479	-0.01%
Conwy	78,465,029	3.5%	78,520,636	3.5%	55,608	0.00%
Denbighshire	76,847,614	3.4%	76,892,543	3.4%	44,929	0.00%
Flintshire	113,500,984	5.0%	113,784,677	5.0%	283,693	0.01%
Wrexham	96,304,937	4.2%	96,528,895	4.2%	223,957	0.01%
Powys	95,795,454	4.2%	95,810,583	4.2%	15,129	0.00%
Ceredigion	52,760,442	2.3%	52,744,383	2.3%	- 16,060	0.00%
Pembrokeshire	89,664,425	3.9%	89,672,817	3.9%	8,392	0.00%
Carmarthenshire	139,851,759	6.2%	139,691,642	6.1%	- 160,117	-0.01%
Swansea	168,453,428	7.4%	168,909,780	7.4%	456,352	0.02%
Neath Port Talbot	105,443,847	4.6%	105,482,947	4.6%	39,099	0.00%
Bridgend	104,139,635	4.6%	104,166,017	4.6%	26,382	0.00%
The Vale of Glamorgan	98,826,884	4.3%	98,736,258	4.3%	- 90,626	0.00%
Rhondda Cynon Taf	185,305,633	8.2%	185,035,924	8.1%	- 269,709	-0.01%
Merthyr Tydfil	43,690,583	1.9%	43,623,216	1.9%	- 67,367	0.00%
Caerphilly	139,798,283	6.1%	139,218,477	6.1%	- 579,806	-0.03%
Blaenau Gwent	47,757,850	2.1%	47,392,280	2.1%	- 365,570	-0.02%
Torfaen	70,644,549	3.1%	71,065,196	3.1%	420,647	0.02%
Monmouthshire	59,644,047	2.6%	59,628,971	2.6%	- 15,077	0.00%
Newport	116,404,121	5.1%	116,585,869	5.1%	181,748	0.01%
Cardiff	246,319,826	10.8%	246,363,053	10.8%	43,226	0.00%
Wales	2,273,596,818	100.0%	2,273,596,818	100.0%		

Table 5 – Exemplification to show the combined impact of updated pupil numbers and FSM using a three year average on the 2019-20 SSA

	2018 PLASC		2019 PLASC		Difference	
	Funding	Share	Funding	Share	Funding	Share
Isle of Anglesey	52,711,605	2.32%	52,373,734	2.30%	- 337,871	-0.01%
Gwynedd	91,265,880	4.01%	90,964,088	4.00%	- 301,792	-0.01%
Conwy	78,465,029	3.45%	78,337,585	3.45%	- 127,443	-0.01%
Denbighshire	76,847,614	3.38%	76,997,134	3.39%	149,520	0.01%
Flintshire	113,500,984	4.99%	113,539,839	4.99%	38,855	0.00%
Wrexham	96,304,937	4.24%	96,608,138	4.25%	303,200	0.01%
Powys	95,795,454	4.21%	95,377,371	4.19%	- 418,083	-0.02%
Ceredigion	52,760,442	2.32%	52,916,807	2.33%	156,365	0.01%
Pembrokeshire	89,664,425	3.94%	89,842,729	3.95%	178,304	0.01%
Carmarthenshire	139,851,759	6.15%	139,436,970	6.13%	- 414,789	-0.02%
Swansea	168,453,428	7.41%	168,323,694	7.40%	- 129,734	-0.01%
Neath Port Talbot	105,443,847	4.64%	105,372,107	4.63%	- 71,741	0.00%
Bridgend	104,139,635	4.58%	104,482,515	4.60%	342,880	0.02%
The Vale of Glamorgan	98,826,884	4.35%	99,036,500	4.36%	209,616	0.01%
Rhondda Cynon Taf	185,305,633	8.15%	185,354,459	8.15%	48,826	0.00%
Merthyr Tydfil	43,690,583	1.92%	43,707,378	1.92%	16,794	0.00%
Caerphilly	139,798,283	6.15%	138,848,889	6.11%	- 949,395	-0.04%
Blaenau Gwent	47,757,850	2.10%	47,329,495	2.08%	- 428,355	-0.02%
Torfaen	70,644,549	3.11%	70,866,768	3.12%	222,219	0.01%
Monmouthshire	59,644,047	2.62%	58,977,092	2.59%	- 666,955	-0.03%
Newport	116,404,121	5.12%	117,717,660	5.18%	1,313,539	0.06%
Cardiff	246,319,826	10.83%	247,185,866	10.87%	866,040	0.04%
Wales	2,273,596,818	100.00%	2,273,596,818	100.00%		

Annex B

Additional information

25. The definition of the nursery & primary Free School Meals indicator was changed for the 2013-14 settlement following a review by the Distribution Sub Group in 2012. The definition was brought more in line with the statutory duties on local authorities to provide a school meal.

26. For more information on the reasons for this change see the DSG Report 2012: http://wales.gov.uk/topics/localgovernment/finandfunding/dsg1/item/dsg20092012/?lang=en

27. In 2019 DSG agreed that due to the volatility in the Free School Meals indicator, a three year average would be used going forward until a data source could replace the existing indicator or .