

DE/2026-060– Freedom of Information Request

Request:

For all post-primary schools in the Foyle constituency, please detail the amount of capital funding DE/EA have given to each of those schools for SEN/SPIM accommodation in the past 10 years (2015-2025) - and state what that funding was specifically for. If your records don't go back 10 years, please detail the amount for SEN/SPIM accommodation as far back as records go.

For each of those 10 years please state the overall spend on school accommodation for SEN/SPIM for the whole of Northern Ireland. (This should be recorded).

Then show the percentage of that SEN budget that went to each constituency area.

Department Response:

Thank you for your request for information relating to capital expenditure on Special Educational Needs and Specialist Provision in Mainstream Schools accommodation in Northern Ireland. The request was received on 2 April 2026. I will address each of your requests in turn as follows:

- 1. For all post-primary schools in the Foyle constituency, please detail the amount of capital funding DE/EA have given to each of those schools for SEN/SPIM accommodation in the past 10 years (2015-2025) - and state what that funding was specifically for. If your records don't go back 10 years, please detail the amount for SEN/SPIM accommodation as far back as records go.**

Please see the following tables below:

- Table 1 – a breakdown of capital expenditure in non-controlled post primary schools in the Foyle constituency for financial years 2024-25 and 2025-26. In 2024-25, the Department of Education created the dedicated Special Educational Needs Capital Investment Programme (SENCIP) for the development of school facilities to support the increasing numbers of children with Special Educational Needs. The Department of Education does not hold the information requested for controlled schools.
- Table 2 – a breakdown of capital expenditure in non-controlled post primary schools in the Foyle constituency for financial years 2016-17 to 2023-24. Prior to the creation of SENCIP, various Disability Discrimination Act capital works are identifiable only by the coding of transactions on the financial reporting system. The Department of Education does not hold the information requested for controlled schools.

Table 1**Special Educational Needs Capital Investment Programme (SENCIP) Accrual Capital Expenditure on individual Non-controlled Post Primary Schools in the Foyle Constituency**

School Name	2024-25 £	2025-26 £	Description of SENCIP Scheme
St Brigid's College	237,590	464,866	Specialist Provision in Mainstream - Temporary rented modular Specialist Provision in Mainstream - Permanent Solution Accessibility Works & Removal of Planters Provision of specialist provision support space
St Columb's College	55,559	3,083	Wheelchair Adaptations
St Joseph's Boys' School	63,648	145,567	Specialist Provision in Mainstream - Internal refurbishment
Totals	356,797	613,516	

Table 2**Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) Capital Works (097022) Accrual Capital Expenditure on individual Non-controlled Post Primary Schools in the Foyle Constituency***

School Name	2015-16 £	2016-17 £	2017-18 £	2018-19 £	2019-20 £	2023-24 £
Foyle College	0	-13,182	0	0	0	0
Lumen Christi College	2,640	19,194	2,837	4,230	0	0
St Brigid's College	1,047	-230	3,185	0	1,800	0
St Columb's College	0	0	0	0	0	1,544
St Joseph's Boys School	7,514	206,367	221,635	41,992	0	28,080
Thornhill College	1,170	10,971	0	0	3,600	0
Totals	12,371	223,120	227,657	46,222	5,400	29,624

*There was no expenditure in the 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years under this coding & minus figures relate to accrual adjustments

The following table provides information on the capital works completed:

School Name	Description of works
Lumen Christi College	Pupil specific (visual impairment) works
St Brigid's College	Additional socket for changing bed
St Columb's College	Wheelchair adaptations
St Joseph's Boys School	Apportionment of SEN Accommodation and sixth form provision capital works.
Thornhill College	Pupil specific DDA adaptations

2. For each of those 10 years please state the overall spend on school accommodation for SEN/SPIM for the whole of Northern Ireland.

Please see the following tables below:

- Table 3 – the total capital expenditure incurred in non-controlled schools across Northern Ireland in relation to various Disability Discrimination Act capital works for the last 11 financial years. Please note figures for 2025-26 are currently provisional. The Department of Education does not hold the information requested for controlled schools for 2015-16 to 2025-26.
- Table 4 - the total capital expenditure incurred by SENCIP for all schools in Northern Ireland in 2024-25 and 2025-26. Please note figures for 2025-26 are currently provisional.

Table 3

Non-controlled Accrual Capital Expenditure coded to 097022 Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) Capital Works & Capital Minor Works in Non-controlled Special Schools*

	Non-controlled (NC) Mainstream Schools	Non-controlled (NC) Special Schools	Total per Financial Year
Financial Year	£	£	£
2025-26	236,094	5,616	241,710
2024-25	1,275,169	1,127	1,276,296
2023-24	6,384,024	27,687	6,411,711
2022-23	3,891,667	156,347	4,048,014
2021-22	1,217,448	0	1,217,448
2020-21	3,229,395	0	3,229,395
2019-20	4,049,495	15,350	4,064,845
2018-19	6,048,474	36,282	6,084,756
2017-18	4,166,493	0	4,166,493
2016-17	1,349,213	0	1,349,213
2015-16	1,365,828	0	1,365,828
Total	33,213,300	242,409	33,455,709

* There are two non-controlled Special Schools -St Gerard's School and Support Services (currently on a PPP site) and Jordanstown Special School

Table 4**Special Educational Needs Capital Investment Programme (SENCIP) Outturn Accrual Capital Expenditure**

	Education Authority (EA)	Non-controlled (NC) Schools	Total per Financial Year
Financial Year	£	£	£
2025-26*	50,947,000	13,787,183	64,734,183
2024-25	41,292,000	8,427,557	49,719,557
Total	92,239,000	22,214,740	114,453,740

**EA Final SENCIP Capital Allocation & NC Provisional Outturn Capital Accrual Expenditure*

3. Then show the percentage of that SEN budget that went to each constituency area.

The Department of Education does not hold the information requested by constituency area.