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**Request:**

1. How much funding was allocated to your local authority in the 'ongoing commitments' category of the CSSB (Central Schools Services Block)?

**CSSB Ongoing commitments funding 2019 to 2020 for North Tyneside was £788,094**

**CSSB Ongoing commitments funding 2020 to 2021 for North Tyneside is £803,355**

**This information can be accessed directly form the Department for Education (DFE) here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dedicated-schools-grant-dsg-2020-to-2021/dsg-technical-note-2020-to-2021#central-school-services-block-cssb>**

2. How much of the funding specified in (1) above (as a raw figure and a percentage) was allocated to SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) spending and if relevant to ASC (Agreed Syllabus Conference) spending?

**We have tried to determine what this figure is and have no agreed fixed amount which the SACRE accesses. Any request for funds is made to EYSIS Asst Director when required.**

3. How much money from the CSSB funding for 2019-2020 did you spend on:

(a) Democratic services to support SACRE meetings in 2019-2020 (e.g. a clerk)

**Clerking services are provided by EYSIS admin support to SIA PE, Sport & Health, allocated to the group, no democratic services support available, cost to EYSIS unknown.**

(b) Professional support (RE specialist adviser / consultant to support the work of SACRE)

**We access support from the RERC Manager, who offers support as a SACRE member and we access faith & non-faith experts through her links, the SIA has asked whether a contribution should be made to the RERC but at present school membership of the RERC is promoted. RERC (Religious Education Resource Centre, based in Percy Main).**

(c) Support for schools, including CPD and training specifically for RE / Collective Worship

**Training and courses are either found free of charge through our partnerships with various groups or funds are generated through course costs.**

(d) Other costs: please specify, e.g. separate clerking

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**All officer and clerk time come from EYSIS, additional revenue is generated from course income or EYSIS.**

4. How much money from other funds outside the CSSB fund (e.g. Community Integration Fund or CIF) was used to support RE in your local authority?

**EYSIS would pick up any additional cost but other than syllabus costs these are kept to an absolute minimum.**

5. When was your last Agreed Syllabus published, and how much did it cost to complete? (i.e. to write/develop/publish/launch, including any initial training for your schools)

**April 2020 New syllabus was launched for academic year 2020/21 at a cost of £11k paid from EYSIS over two financial years.**

6. How/where would a member of the public access your Agreed Syllabus?

**A request could be made via council website, or the document is published within the SACRE meeting notes available for public access via the website.**

7. Who is the contact for SACRE business in your LA? (name and email address)

**Rob Smith, SIA PE, Sport & Health [rob.smith@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:rob.smith@northtyneside.gov.uk)**

8. Are there any barriers to providing funding to fulfil your statutory duties in relation to SACRE and/or the Agreed Syllabus Conference, that you'd like to tell us about?

**At present we have dealt with funding on a minimum self-sustaining budget as we have no account holding specific funds, other than those we generate or via EYSIS contribution upon request.**

9. Is there anything else you wish to tell us?

**We have no RE advisor but use officer and admin support from EYSIS, this is very well embedded and we strong links with RERC. In order to fulfil the statutory requirements of the SACRE, we also have strong support from councilors and faith reps as well as school staff, though numbers are sometimes limited.**