

EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY MEASURE DETAIL

SERVICE AREA	Children		
MEASURE	CHN 3: The average cost per child transported		
SUMMARY DEFINITION	This measures the gross cost of transporting all children to school and includes all forms of transport provision		
RATIONALE FOR MEASURE	This is a significant area of spend with potential for efficiency savings through more co-ordinated and integrated provision		
DETAILED DEFINITION (with inclusions and exclusions)	<p>Data on costs should be as reported in the annual Scottish Executive Local Financing Return.</p> <p>Definitions should be as contained in the CIPFA Scotland BVACOP guidance on home to school transport as detailed below.</p> <p>Expenditure arising from taxi costs, bus costs (including those costs arising from in-house and contracted-out provision) and any other transport costs arising in the transport of children to school (e.g. train, ferry, etc.)</p> <p>This measure includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transport from children’s own homes • transport of children living away from home in a family or residential placement • children with Additional Support Needs (and escort costs if applicable) <p>Where council transport is also used for other purposes, then only the proportion related to school transport should be included.</p>		
FORMULA	$N = A/B$ <p>where A = total net transport cost B = number of children transported to school</p>		
UNIT OF MEASURE	£	DECIMAL PLACES	0
MEASUREMENT PERIOD	Full year	DATA SOURCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Local Financing Returns • Education records
DATA AVAILABILITY AND QUALITY	Cost data available from annual Local Financing Return.		
QUALITY CHECK MEASURES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contract compliance 2. Quality and reliability of service 3. Customer satisfaction 		

DRILL DOWN MEASURES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In house bus costs 2. Contracted out school bus transport costs 3. Taxi usage and costs 			
REPORTING YEAR	06/07	Yes	07/08	Yes
PROPOSED FUTURE MEASURE (where applicable)	<p>The average cost per child per mile of transport provided as this would provide a greater opportunity to compare the relative costs between councils. However information on the number of miles that each child is transported is not currently collected and reported by councils and so systems need to be put in place to achieve this.</p>			