

# MAT FINANCE BENCHMARKING REPORT 2024

**Your Trust Example** 

September 2024

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### INTRODUCTION

In a rapidly evolving educational landscape, effective financial management is more crucial than ever for Multi-Academy Trusts (MATs).

As the market leader in MAT financial management software, IMP Software is uniquely positioned to support smarter MAT finance through innovative tools and actionable insights that enable informed decision-making. With nearly 40% of MATs across the UK - encompassing around 4,500 schools - using our software, we understand the weight of this responsibility and are deeply committed to helping our customers achieve financial excellence.

However, as the Trust sector matures, we know we also need to provide further innovative solutions that will help build even greater financial visibility and understanding. We are therefore delighted to launch our first MAT Benchmarking Report, which compares your Trust's budget position to other similar Trusts within the IMP Planner dataset, and will help Trusts to understand the overall trajectory of the sector. This personalised report offers a robust, forward-looking financial analysis and provides an unprecedented opportunity for comparative analysis and strategic planning. Nothing like this exists elsewhere in the MAT sector.

The primary purpose of this report is to provide you with a clear understanding of where your Trust stands compared to other similar MATs in the sector. By analysing key financial metrics, we aim to equip you with insights that reveal strengths, uncover opportunities for improvement, and support your strategic planning. That said, we recognise that benchmarking is not without its limitations; it is not a definitive measure but rather a valuable tool to enhance your understanding and ultimate decision-making.

The data presented here should help you understand where your Trust sits against your peers for the next year, whether your projected direction of travel is also in line with your peers, and ideally, present some considerations that may not have previously been identified. This benchmarking report is a testament to our commitment to supporting smarter MAT finance and using this position to provide insights to our customers and the wider sector, offering you a unique and valuable perspective on your financial performance relative to your peer group.

Given the various ways that trusts operate and use IMP Planner, combining the forward-looking budget data for hundreds of trusts is a significant task that we knew would present challenges. Collating such budget data for over 250 Trusts has been a major undertaking, and given that these datasets are not audited, some data accuracy and interpretation issues may arise. However, we have worked diligently with our professional services partner, **UHY Birmingham**, to mitigate these challenges where possible.

As this is the first year such an extensive exercise has been conducted, we are eager to learn from what has and hasn't worked well. Our goal is to ensure that year two and beyond will be even more meaningful and beneficial for our customers and the wider sector. Your feedback is vital to this process, and we strongly encourage you to complete the feedback questionnaire linked at the end of this report. Your insights will help us refine and enhance this report, making it an even more powerful tool for your Trust's financial management in the future.

We are immensely grateful to all our customers for your trust and collaboration. Your dedication to improving financial management within your organisations inspires us to continually raise the bar. Together, we can drive the sector forward, ensuring that every Trust (regardless of size) has the tools and knowledge needed to navigate the complexities of MAT finance with confidence.

Will Jordan, Co-founder, IMP Software

#### ABOUT THE IMP MAT BENCHMARKING REPORT

#### **Scope of Analysis**

This report draws on budgeting data from 267 MATs who met the pre-requisite requirements, covering just over 3,000 schools, taken from their master scenario on 27/07/2024, for the years 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27.

We have utilised the consistent coding structure provided by the Academy Chart of Accounts (COA) which has allowed us to produce analysis of key income and expenditure groupings. For each grouping area we have provided both high-level and granular analysis, so that you can choose the right level for your own review. We have also used the school URN data to combine this information with publicly available context and pupil capacity information.

Please note that the only schools included in this analysis are schools that are open and part of the Trust as of 31/08/2024.

#### **Peer Groups**

Given the variety of Trust sizes and contexts, a common complaint is that benchmarking data is too generalised and therefore the comparisons that can be drawn are limited and miss the relevant context.

For example, larger MATs might have opportunities to achieve greater economies of scale, and you would expect to see more spend on teaching assistants in primary schools than secondary schools.

Whilst there will always be contextual differences between your Trust and others, we have tried to match Trusts in peer groups that take into account context, such as school types and phase, and number of pupils, so that the basis for comparison is as meaningful as possible.

The details of your peer group and the information about the size of other Trusts in that group have been laid out on page 7 of this report.

### Teachers' Pay Award and Core Schools Budget Grant

The data cut for this benchmarking report was planned to be taken on 31/07/2024 and you will now all be aware that the Teachers' Pay Award, along with the associated funding, was announced on 29/07/2024.

The timing for this was not helpful and provided us with a real challenge around what we should do, to both preserve the relevance of the analysis, whilst also ensuring the highest level of consistency between customer datasets. Nearly 20% of the eligible datasets made some form of adjustment following the announcement and prior to the 31/07/2024 data cut, which was problematic given the size of the adjustments being made and that only a minority of customers were making them (which is understandable given the time of year).

We did anticipate this announcement and therefore took a preliminary data cut on 27/07/2024 to ensure that we had a consistent basis for the individual benchmark reports. This is the dataset that we have now used for this report. This means **that this report and the comparisons do not include the impact of the pay award or funding announcement**, so is a comparison against other Trusts, based upon the budget assumption prior to the award. We feel that this decision will ensure the most comparable dataset.

For the sector report that will be published in November, we will be applying the pay award and the associated funding to all the datasets, so that we can capture and provide commentary on how these announcements impact the trajectory of the sector.

The timing of the pay award announcement is not a new challenge and is something that you have all faced for a number of years, when trying to set budgets for future periods, so we are encouraged by Secretary of State for Education Bridget Phillipson's letter where she stated that she is "keen to improve" the timing of the pay award in the future to fit better with the schools' planning process.

### **PEER GROUPS**

Peer Groups have been determined to compare your trust against similar trusts throughout the report. The Peer Groups have been categorised depending on the number of pupils within each setting.

For MAT's where all pupils are not in a mainstream primary/secondary setting (e.g. alternative provision), these have been categorised as 'Alternative Majority'. Those that had a mix of pupils within different settings, where the non mainstream pupils were determined to be significant, have been categorised as 'Alternative Hybrid'.

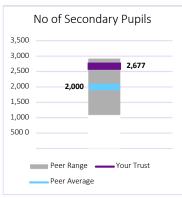
#### **Categorisation of Peer Groups**

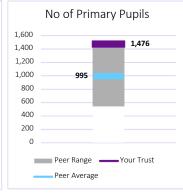
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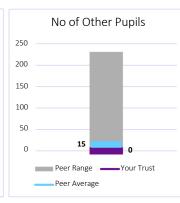
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PM - M	Primary Majority - Medium	36
PM - L	Primary Majority - Large	27
MX - S	Mixed - Small	22
MX - M	Mixed - Medium	43
MX - L	Mixed - Large	39
MX - XL	Mixed - Extra Large	28
AM	Alternative Majority	10
АН	Alternative Hybrid	7

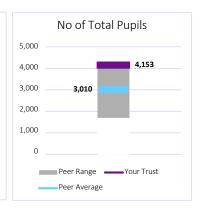
### Based on the proportion of pupils within each setting, your Trust has been categorised asMixed -Small

How your trust compares to that peer group is illustrated below:



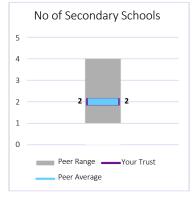


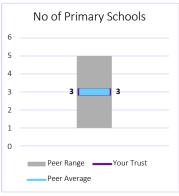


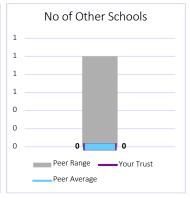


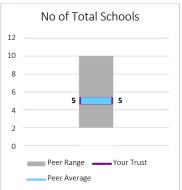
### Comparing your Trust to the average within the peer group, you have 481 more primary pupils, 677 more secondary pupils and 15 less other pupils.

Although the peer groups have been determined on pupil numbers, an understanding of the number of schools within each setting may provide further context when reviewing your report.









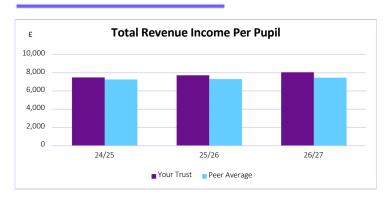


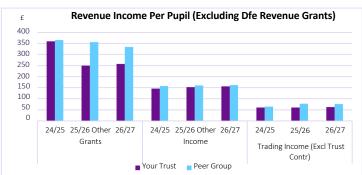
# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### This benchmarking report covers four main sections:

Revenue Income, Pay Expenditure, Non-Pay expenditure and Financial Sustainability, focusing on financial years 2024/25 to 2026/27.

#### **REVENUE INCOME**



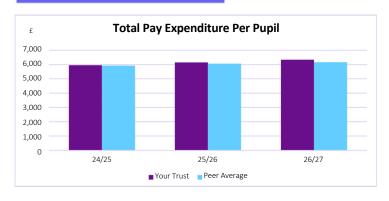


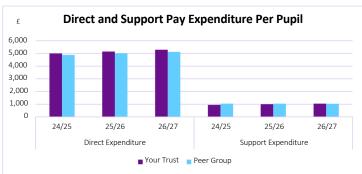
#### **Notes for Revenue Income**

The revenue income analysis highlights the key sources of funding for your MAT over the next three years, compared to your peer group.

Revenue income for your Trust is £231 higher per pupil compared to the peer group average in 24/25. The report analyses revenue income further, with an additional focus on DfE revenue grants and trading income.

#### **PAY EXPENDITURE**



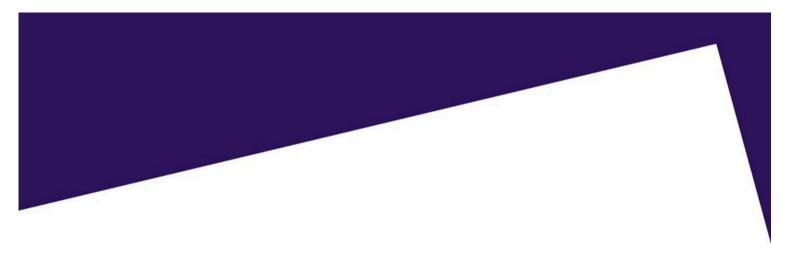


#### **Notes for Pay Expenditure**

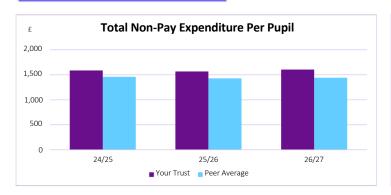
The pay expenditure analysis focuses on staffing costs, which constitute the largest proportion of your budget. Careful management of these expenses will be essential to maintaining financial balance, whilst supporting the MAT's operational and educational goals.

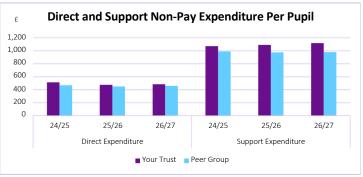
Total pay costs for your Trust are £20 higher per pupil compared to the peer group average in 24/25. This is driven by 'Direct Expenditure'.

The report analyses pay costs further by direct and support costs, with an additional focus area of leadership.



#### **NON-PAY EXPENDITURE**



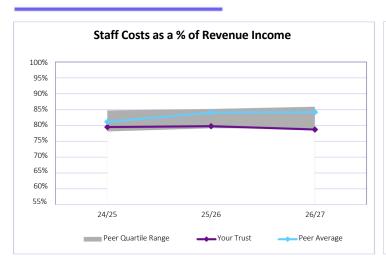


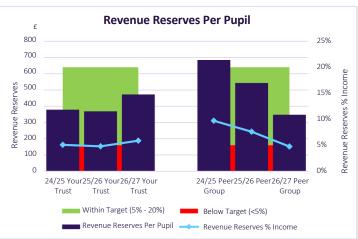
#### **Notes for Non-Pay Expenditure**

The non-pay expenditure analysis reviews a range of cost areas, which may highlight areas for potential efficiencies. Total non-pay costs for your Trust are £127 higher per pupil compared to the peer group average in 24/25.

The report analyses non-pay costs further by direct and support costs, with additional focus areas including energy and catering.

#### **FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY**





#### **Notes for Financial Sustainability**

The financial sustainability analysis assesses key indicators such as staff costs as a percentage of revenue income and the level of revenue reserves retained by your MAT, compared to your peer group.

The report outlines further metrics which evaluate your MAT's financial sustainability.

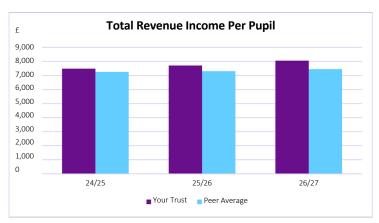


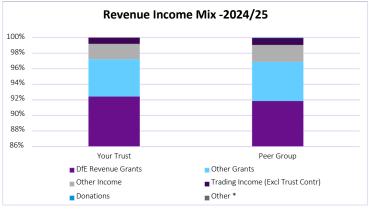
# FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

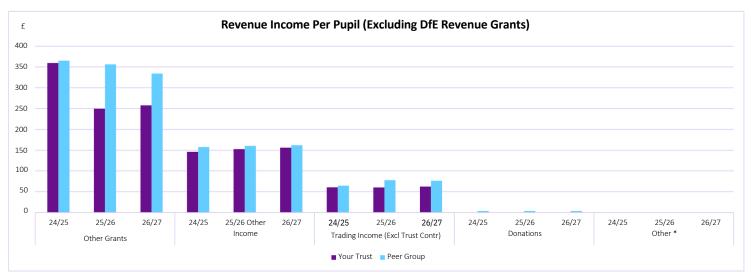
# REVENUE INCOME

Although Trusts may struggle to influence the majority of their revenue income, benchmarking is useful to understand how this compares to peers.

Revenue income excludes capital income and notional income for transfers of academies into the MAT or conversions to the MAT. Pupil numbers have been extracted from IMP for each period presented. These are shown on an actual basis, rather than a lagged basis. For example, the income per pupil metrics are shown as 24/25 income divided by 24/25 pupil numbers.







#### **REVENUE INCOME (CONTINUED)**

	You	Your Trust - Per Pupil (£)		Peer	Peer Group - Per Pupil (£)			Movement % (24/25-26/27)		Comparison to Peer Group (£)		
	24/25	25/26	26/27	24/25	25/26	26/27	Trust	Peer	24/25	25/26	26/27	
DfE Revenue Grants Other Grants	6,919	7,247	7,573	6,663	6,707	6,872	<b>1</b> 9%	<b>1</b> 3%	256	<b>5</b> 40	701	
Other Income Trading Income	359	250	258	365	356	334	<b>4</b> (28%)	₩ (8%)	<b>(</b> 6)	<b>(</b> 106)	<b>(</b> 76)	
(Excl Trust Contr) Donations	146	152	156	158	160	162	<b>1</b> 7%	<b>1</b> 3%	<b>(</b> 12)	<b>(</b> 8)	<b>(</b> 6)	
Other * Total Revenue Income	61	60	63	65	78	77	<b>1</b> 3%	<b>1</b> 8%	<b>(</b> 4)	<b>(18)</b>	<b>(14)</b>	
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\*breakdown of 'Other \*' outlined in Appendix 1.1

	% of	Your Trust - % of Revenue Income		% o	Peer Group - % of Revenue Income			Movement % (24/25-26/27)		Comparison to Peer Group (£)		
	24/25	25/26	26/27	24/25	25/26	26/27	Trust	Peer	24/25	25/26	26/27	
DfE Revenue Grants Other Grants	92%	94%	94%	92%	92%	92%	<b>1</b> 2%	<b>→</b> 0%	0%	2%	<b>2</b> %	
Other Income Trading Income	5%	3%	3%	5%	5%	4%	₩ (2%)	₩ (1%)	0%	<b>(2%)</b>	<b>(</b> 1%)	
(Excl Trust Contr) Donations	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	<b>→</b> 0%	<b>→</b> 0%	0%	0%	<u>0</u> %	
Other * Total Revenue Income	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	<b>→</b> 0%	<b>→</b> 0%	0%	0%	0%	
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<sup>\*</sup>breakdown of 'Other \*' outlined in Appendix 1.1

#### **Notes for Revenue Income**

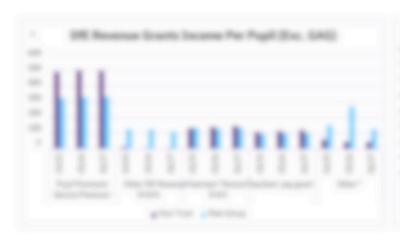
Revenue income for your Trust is £231 higher per pupil compared to the peer group average in 24/25.

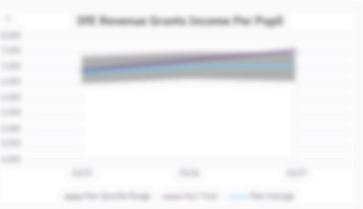
The income area furthest above the peer group average is 'DfE Revenue Grants' by £256. The income furthest below the peer group is 'Other Income' by £12.

#### DFE REVENUE GRANTS

DRE revenue grants makes up a significant propertion of year Trusts revenue income, with 92% in 2004/25.

Utilising the mapping within the chart of accounts, we can identify which components differ to your peer group.





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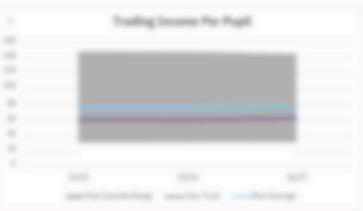
The income area furthest above the peer group average is "Fupil Premium;" Service Premium" by C165. The income furthest below the peer group is "Other DE Revenue Grants" by C112.



Trading Income has been highlighted as an area of specific facus. A Trust's ability to generate additional income has the patential to based overall financial performance.

For Your Trust, trading income represents 1% of total income in 34/25.





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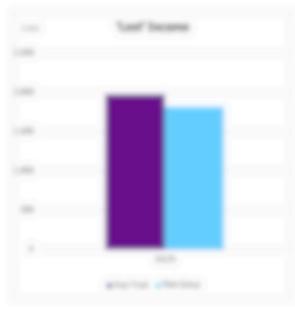
Tracing income for your Trust is £15 tower per pupil compared to the peer group average in 24/25.

The income area furthest above the peer group average is Yacilities and Services Income by C3. The income furthest below the peer group is 'Catering income' by E8.

#### INCOME 'LOST' FROM SPARE CAPACITY

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Capacity within the Trust has been derived using the national database. In 2024/25, if the Trust was at full capacity, an additional E1, 976,003 may have been generated.

The income "tool" is higher than your Trool's comparative peer group. However, the proportion of space capacity for your Trust is lower, with 6, 2% compared to 6.4% for your peer group.



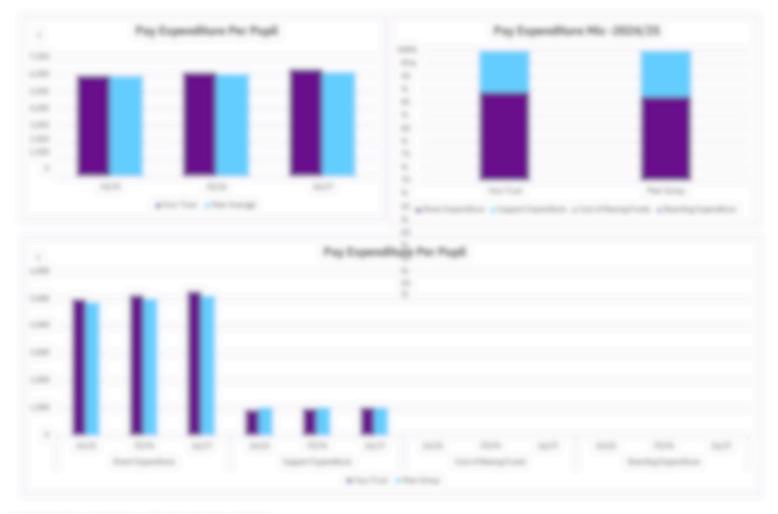
Pay expenditure is the highest properties of costs incurred by the trust, with TPNs of total spend on staffing, compared to SDNs of the comparative peer group.

Pay has been split into "Sirect" and "Support", as defined by the FS L3 description of the ESFA Chart of

Accounts (CoH). These are categorised generally as follows: Bleed Pag: This refers to salaries and other engincestspaid relating to staff who are directly involved in delivering the core educational services. This includes teachers, teaching assistants, and other staff

directly engaged in student instruction or classroom activities.

Support Pag: This refers to calaries and other suggested paid relating toolalf who support the functioning of the academy but are not directly involved in traciting. This includes administrative staff, maintenance surface, If suggest, and other roles that ensure the smooth operation of the academy.



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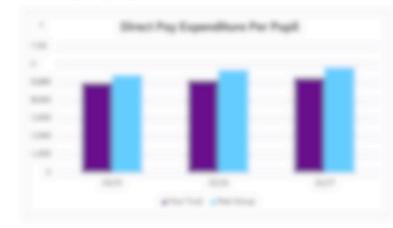
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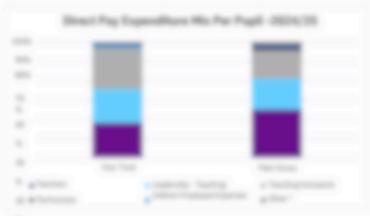
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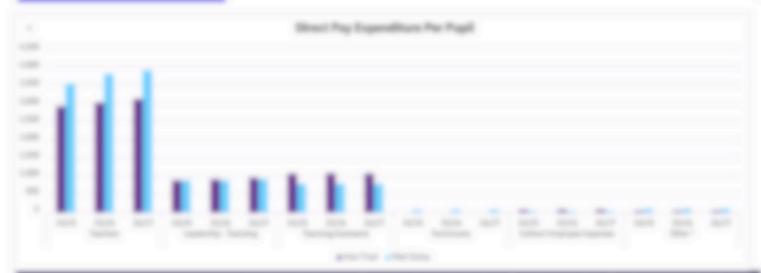
Direct pay makes up BP% of staffing costs, the largest percentage of costs incurred by the trust.

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Direct pay costs for your Trust are EESs lower per pupil compared to the peer group average in 24(25).

The direct pay cost area furthest above the peer group average is "leaching Assistants" by £271. The direct pay cost furthes below the peer group average is "leachers" by £121.

# SUPPORT PAY

Support pay spend makes up 18% of staffing costs. A review of support staffing costs may highlight areas of patential savings, when comparing to your peer group.



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Leadership staffing costs are often more scrutinised, with higher leadership costs needing justifying by

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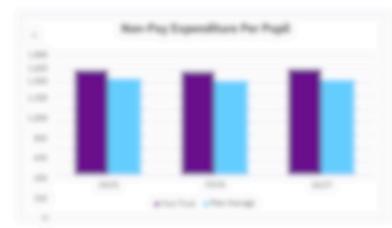
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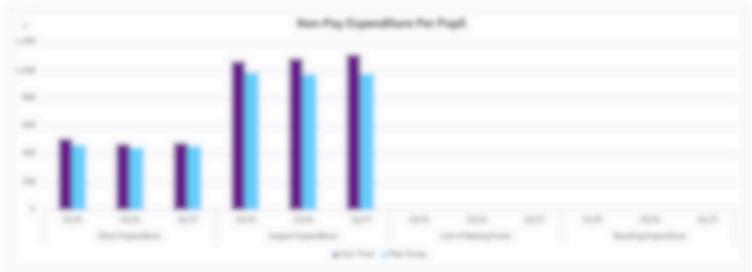
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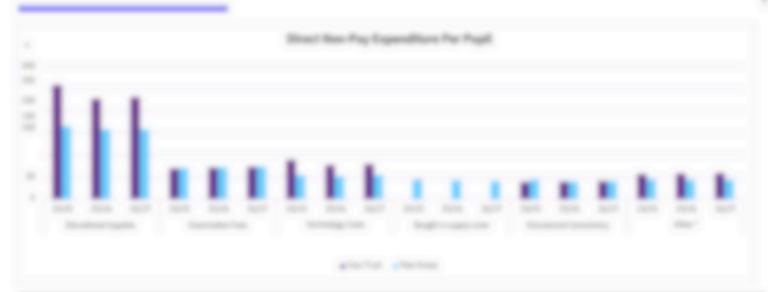
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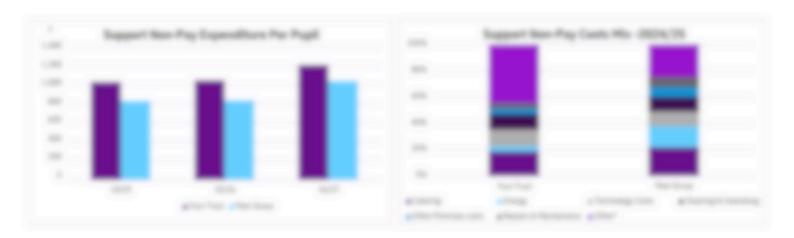
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The direct non-pay cost area furthest above the peer group average is "Educational Supplies" by EV3. The direct non-pay cost furthest below the peer group average is 'Bought in supply cover' by EVS.

# SUPPORT NON-PAY

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The support non-pay cost area furthest above the peer group average is "Other " by C25s. The support non-pay cost furthest below the peer group is 'Energy' by C10s.



Analysing energy costs is important as they are substantial and recurring expenses. Recent fluctuations in energy prices make it crucial to munitar these costs closely.

Understanding energy expenditure could help to identify savings apportunities, promote efficient use, and support sustainability initiatives.





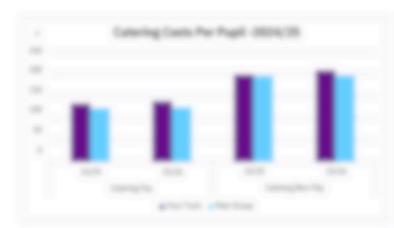
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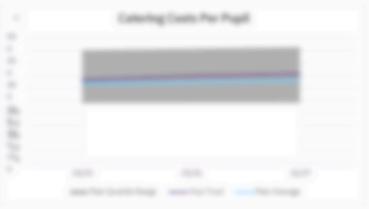
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# CATERING

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Comparing your trusts make up of pay to non-pay may indicate the level of outsourcing compared to your peers. In future tensitions of the benchmarking report, we may seek to capture this information to provide explicit comparisons of outsourcing us in house provision.





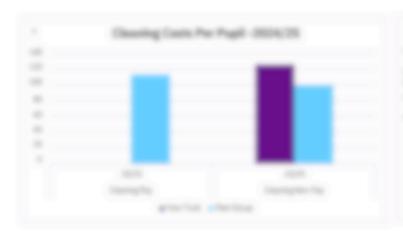
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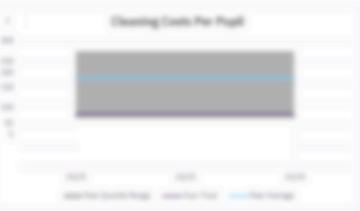
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## FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

#### STAFF COSTKEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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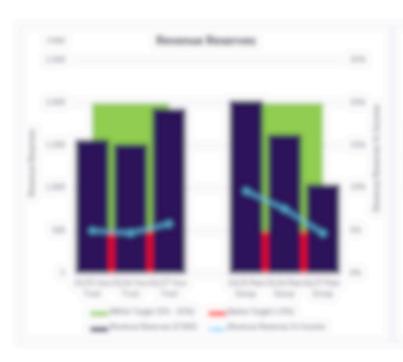
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Staff costs as a % of reservae income for your Trust are 79% in 24/25. This is lower than your peer group.



Revenue reserves are retained to support day to day delivery of the trust's charitable objects -enabling the trust to provide education to pugifs and maintain the schools estate and facilities (in addition to available capital funded projects).

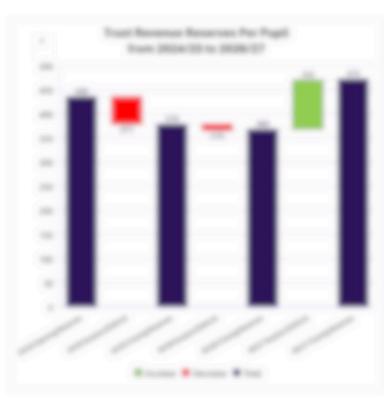
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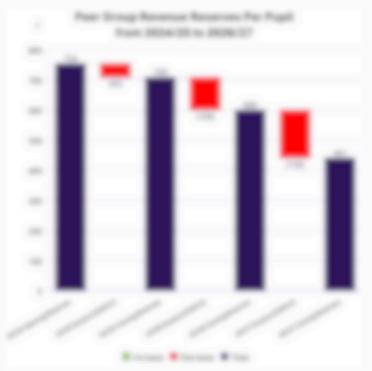




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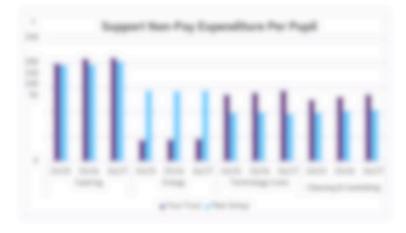
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## APPENDIX 2



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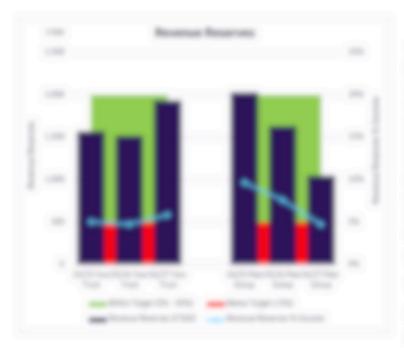
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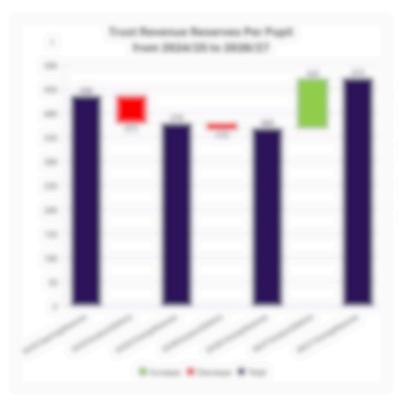
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The green bars represent the total surplus in revenue reserves in year.

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#### FUTURE DIRECTION FOR THE IMP MAT BENCHMARKING REPORT

Bernchmarking servers as a powerful lens through which to view your MAT's financial trajectory and identify where your Trust is taking a noticeably different path from others in your peer group. There is no right and enong answer of course, but undenstanding how you compare will give some food for thought and challenge your current thinking, both in the short term and how your strategy over the coming years compares to others in your field.

This is the first benchmarking initiative of this kind for the sector but is just the start of our ambitions. We will be building upon these foundations over the years to come and will do our best to ensure the sector data can be used to benefit the sector, both in the form of published reports and also around how we can surface this data within IMP Planner so that you can use these insights when setting/reviewing your budgets, not just once they are finalised. We are excited to bring this report to the market and to witness its evolution and improvement over the coming years. This project is a major endeavour for us and a key part of our plan to provide even greater insights to all our customers.

# **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

We would like to extend our thanks to **UNYBinningham**for their invaluable expertise and support throughout this project.



Their guidance and technical analysis expertise has been instrumental in helping us deliver a benchmarking report that we hope will provide significant value to you.

We would also like to express our deepent gratitude to all our customers who worked diligently on their data to meet the necessary prerequisites. Your commitment to ensuring data accuracy has been critical to the success of delivering these personalised reports, so we hope that we have done justice to this hard work and provided a useful resource in return.

As this is our first year undertaking this benchmarking initiative, we recognise that it is a significant learning experience for both our customers, who will better understand how their mappings/costings compare to others in the sector, and for us, who will look hard at how we can ensure that IMP Planner can provide as much guidance and support as possible, to help ensure that datasets are consistently prepared.

We are committed to gathering as much feedback as possible to ensure that future iterations are (even) better, smarter, and more insightful. Your input will be crucial as we continue to refine our approach and deliver even greater value through our reports.

Looking alread, we are also focused on enhancing our product roadmap to address some of the challenges encountered this year. We aim to not only improve the benchmarking process but also explore ways to integrate the benchmarking dataset directly into our product, ultimately providing you with a more soamless and powerful tool for financial management.

Thank you for your origining partnership and for being part of this journey with us. Please do provide your feedback by completing the following survey:

Survey Link

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