



PARITY's intention in posting this data on our website is to create an opportunity for public debate on this particular funding issue.

The 27 charts featured in this Paper, covering a range of local authorities, show a disparity in discretionary funding between expenditure on males and females which is generally larger and consistently in favour of females. This is a different perspective from that usually presented in the media, where females tend to be seen as disadvantaged.

Issues debated might include whether these funding allocations should be numerically equal between males and females. If not, then what are the grounds, legal or otherwise, for favouring females. A broad comment to the effect that female needs are greater may not be sufficient.

There may be a view that males are poorly funded because men generally do not apply for discretionary funding. In this case, there may be an obligation on local authorities to invite males to apply. It may be relevant also to examine the gender composition of committees awarding funding.

Needless to say, comments from local authorities and any other interested parties would be of interest and potentially valuable to PARITY. Please contact us at:

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# LOCAL AUTHORITIES DISCRETIONARY FUNDING BY GENDER

**PIE CHARTS FOR WHICH WE HAVE AN FOI NUMBER AS AT 15-03-2013**

1. [ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL](#)
2. BROMLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
3. DUNGANNON SOUTH TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
4. GRAVESEND GRAVESHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
5. HACKNEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
6. HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
7. HULL CITY COUNCIL
8. ISLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

9. KIRKLEES METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
10. LEEDS CITY COUNCIL
11. LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL
12. MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
13. MIDDLESBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL
14. MONTHMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
15. NEWHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
16. NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL
17. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CITY COUNCIL
18. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
19. PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL
20. SAINT HELENS DISTRICT COUNCIL
21. SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL
22. SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL
23. SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL
24. SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
25. WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
26. WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
27. WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

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