

# B Public expenditure by country and sub-function

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**B.1** This chapter presents public expenditure by country and sub-function. The figures in this chapter are consistent with **Chapter A**, with the English local government data reported at England rather than English regional level to allow sub-functional analyses and country comparisons of spending. See **Chapter A** for further details on the data used in this chapter.

**B.2** Readers need to bear in mind two points about this chapter:

- most public spending is planned to benefit categories of individuals and enterprises irrespective of location, or where locations are prioritised using national criteria. The regional analyses presented in this chapter show where the individuals and enterprises that benefited from public spending were located. It does not mean that all such spending was planned to benefit a particular region, though a proportion of public spending is planned on a regional basis; and
- the information in **Chapters A and B** was gathered in a separate data collection exercise during the summer of 2011. Therefore, the figures in these chapters are not entirely consistent with the figures in the other PESA update tables published alongside the CRA.

**B.3** Tables B.5 to B.8 in this chapter present the total identifiable expenditure on services for each country per head. While this makes figures more easily comparable, it draws attention to any inconsistencies in the sub-functional classification of spending across countries.

**B.4** The tables in this chapter present public sector expenditure on services by country and sub-function:

- **Table B.1** shows total identifiable expenditure on services for England by sub-function;
- **Table B.2** shows total identifiable expenditure on services for Scotland by sub-function;
- **Table B.3** shows total identifiable expenditure on services for Wales by sub-function;
- **Table B.4** shows total identifiable expenditure on services for Northern Ireland by sub-function;
- **Table B.5** shows total identifiable expenditure on services for England by sub-function per head;
- **Table B.6** shows total identifiable expenditure on services for Scotland by sub-function per head;
- **Table B.7** shows total identifiable expenditure on services for Wales by sub-function per head; and
- **Table B.8** shows total identifiable expenditure on services for Northern Ireland by sub-function per head.