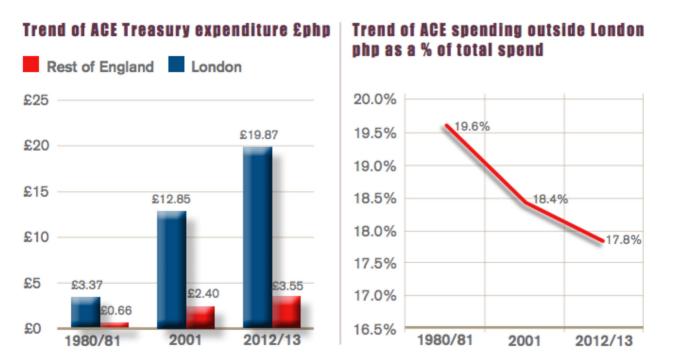
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Figure 3.8.1: Arts Spending in London and the Rest of England 1980-2013



The Department of Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) also funds 16 major 'national' cultural organisations directly. In 2012/13 we estimate that 90% of the £450m available was of direct benefit to London. Combining this direct DCMS expenditure with that of Arts Council England produces a benefit per head of population in the capital of £68.99 compared to £4.58 in the rest of England (6.6% of London levels).

This figure is a screenshot of the two key graphs in the "RoCC" report (Stark et al., 2013). AQ4 RoCC is not the first time the report of this kind. Although the rise in spending in London looks very large presented this way the ratios of London versus the rest of England spending are 5.1:1 in 1980/1981, rising to 5.4:1 and then 5.6:1 in 2012/2013. Arts spending is still concentrating in London but slightly less quickly than it was, partly because there is so little government arts money not spent outside of London nowadays.

Source: Stark, P., Gordon, C., & Powell, D. (2013). Rebalancing our cultural capital: A contribution to the debate on national policy for the arts and culture in England.