

Staying Close Local Authority Providers

20 June 2023

To whom it may concern,

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Staying Close Children's Social Care (Annex A) [31/6735]

This Determination is made between:

- (1) **The Secretary of State for Education and**
- (2) Local Authorities listed in Annex B

Purpose of the Grant

The purpose of this grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them.

This grant is intended to support the Staying Close programme, in order to improve outcomes for young people leaving care from a variety of settings.

Staying Close is a programme that aims to radically improve outcomes for young people transitioning from a variety of settings, including but not limited to, residential care. It intends to address the 'cliff edge' faced by care leavers by providing care leavers with an offer of move-on accommodation, alongside a package of practical and emotional support, provided by a member of staff from their former children's home or from someone they know and trust. These bespoke packages of support help develop their confidence and skills for independent living, and for their emotional health and wellbeing.

The aims vary slightly from programme to programme but the key desired outcomes across all projects are:

- Improve access to education, training, and employment (EET)
- Increase suitable and sustainable accommodation
- Decrease risk of homelessness
- Increase consistency of support workers for care leavers
- Decreased levels of offending and risk
- Improve emotional and mental wellbeing by building lifelong support

networks

A total of **£12,595,152.95** grant funding will be allocated to 27 new local authorities to deliver the Staying Close programme in 2023-24. Annex B includes the total amount of funding awarded to each of these local authorities for 2023-24.

Funding these 27 local authorities in 2024-25 has also been provisionally approved by the department and is subject to satisfactory delivery of the programme in 2023-24 and to final budgets being confirmed by way of a separate determination letter next year. Annex B also includes the indicative amount of funding awarded to each of these local authorities for 2024-25, subject to final budgets being confirmed.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education.

Yours faithfully,

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Kate Cornish and May El Komy
Deputy Directors, Outcomes, Care Leavers and Capital
For and on behalf of Department for Education

S31 Grant Determination Letter for Staying Close Children’s Social Care (Annex A)

The Minister of State for Education (“the Minister of State”), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, makes the following determination: 31/6735.

Citation

1) This determination may be cited (as listed in Annex B) Determination [2023 to 2024].

Purpose of the grant

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities to deliver the Staying Close Programme in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them.

Determination

3) The Minister of State determines the authorities to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid; these are set out in Annex B.

Payment of Grant

4) Payment will be made in two instalments, on or before 31 July and 30 November.

Treasury consent

5) Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Minister of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Minister of State for Education

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Annex B

Local authority	Payment 1 July 2023	Payment 2 November 2023	Total for 23-24	Indicative amount for 24-25
Croydon	£262,650.00	£262,650.00	£525,300.00	£541,000.00
Derby	£66,355.50	£66,355.50	£132,711.00	£137,751.00
Leeds	£597,173.47	£597,173.48	£1,194,346.95	£1,248,079.30
Lincolnshire	£340,243.50	£340,243.50	£680,487.00	£702,079.00
Northamptonshire	£149,146.00	£149,146.00	£298,292.00	£286,110.00
Cheshire East	£301,030.00	£301,030.00	£602,060.00	£602,060.00
Darlington	£120,481.00	£120,481.00	£240,962	£232,962
Derbyshire	£190,059.50	£190,059.50	£380,119.00	£396,312.00
Enfield	£77,558.00	£77,558.00	£155,116.00	£150,010.00
Essex	£470,163.50	£470,163.50	£940,327.00	£946,629.00
Knowsley	£54,997.50	£54,997.50	£109,995.00	£112,942.00
Nottinghamshire	£124,083.50	£124,083.50	£248,167.00	£325,719.00
Bedfordshire	£82,727.00	£82,727.00	£165,454.00	£292,907.50
Bolton	£218,734.00	£218,734.00	£437,468.00	£496,834.00
Devon	£191,184.50	£191,184.50	£382,369.00	£764,737.00
Doncaster	£187,500.00	£187,500.00	£375,000.00	£500,000.00
Gloucestershire	£568,287.50	£568,287.50	£1,136,575.00	£754,676.00
Hartlepool	£333,026.50	£333,026.50	£666,053.00	£604,936.00
Hertfordshire	£125,599.50	£125,599.50	£251,199.00	£638,791.00
Hillingdon	£240,000.00	£240,000.00	£480,000.00	£960,000.00
Leicester	£151,401.50	£151,401.50	£302,803.00	£303,399.00
Redcar and Cleveland	£270,902.50	£270,902.50	£541,805.00	£677,242.00
St Helens	£344,048.50	£344,048.50	£688,097.00	£735,619.00
Wirral	£280,989.00	£280,989.00	£561,978.00	£581,827.00
Wokingham	£86,789.50	£86,789.50	£173,579.00	£183,504.00
Wolverhampton	£357,195.00	£357,195.00	£714,390.00	£1,065,363.00
York	£105,250.00	£105,250.00	£210,500.00	£282,500.00
Totals	£6,297,576.47	£6,297,576.48	£12,595,152.95	£14,523,988.80