

Staying Close Local Authority Providers

March 2022

To whom it may concern,

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Staying Close Children's Social Care (Annex A) - GD 31/6006.

This Determination is made between:

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

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, to improve outcomes for young people leaving children's residential care homes. They may, however, choose how to spend the money in order to best meet local need.

Staying Close is programme that aims to radically improve outcomes for young people transitioning from residential care. It intends to address the 'cliff edge' faced by young people leaving residential care by improving and extending the support provided by care leaver's former residential units during the transition to independent adulthood.

There are two core elements to Staying Close: (1) An accommodation offer that aims to provide suitable accommodation close to the young person's previous children's home. (2) A support offer that focuses on maintaining

relationships with staff at the young person's previous children's home, thereby providing continuity in support during the transition to independent adulthood.

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 workers
- Decreased levels of offending and risk
- Improve emotional and mental wellbeing by building lifelong support networks

Pilot local authorities and social care organisations have undertaken a range of projects to test new ideas, and to support other local authorities and children's social care organisations to test and implement new ideas. Through this work a framework has been developed that underpins the core elements of a Staying Close offer – Annex B.

Annex A provides details of payments being made to local authorities involved in the Staying Close programme, where funding was agreed by February 2022. Details of payments to local authorities involved in further projects approved during the funding period will be published in an updated version of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

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S31 Grant Determination Letter for Staying Close Children's Social Care

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(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: 31/6006.

Citation

1) This determination may be cited (as listed in Annex A) Determination [2022 to 2023].

Purpose of the grant

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities 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 A.

Payment of Grant

4) Payment will be made in two instalments, on or before 1 May and 1 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

Sarah Jennings, Deputy Director
For and on behalf of Department of Education
AFJCL Division
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ANNEX A –

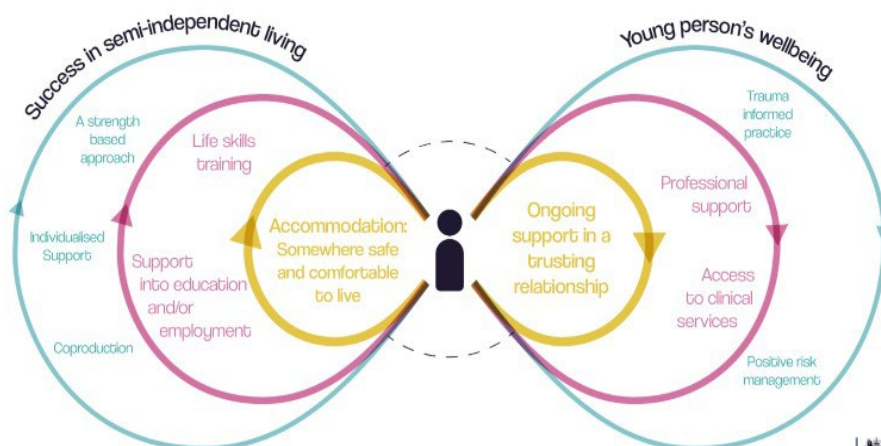
2022-23

Local Authority	First Payment	Second Payment	2022-23
Portsmouth LA	£136,130	£136,130	£272,260
North Tyneside LA	£142,597	£142,597	£285,193
North East Lincs LA	£145,038	£145,038	£290,076
Suffolk LA	£197,438	£197,438	£394,875
Bristol LA	£166,293	£166,293	£332,586
Total	£787,495	£787,495	£1,574,990

ANNEX B –

Staying Close

Supporting young people into independence



Department for Education