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To all local authorities in England

Dear colleagues,

Section 31 Extension of the Role of Virtual School Heads to children with a social worker Implementation Grant Determination Letter [31/6172]

This determination is made between:

- (1) **The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families,**
and
- (2) **The local authorities listed at Annex A**

Purpose of the grant

The purpose of this grant is to provide support to local authorities in England to help them to extend the role of the Virtual School Head to promote the educational outcomes of the cohort of children with a social worker. Virtual School Heads should take a strategic leadership role for this cohort of children and work with early years settings, schools, colleges, and social care leaders to create a culture of high aspirations that helps all children with social workers to reach their potential.

Local authorities can spend this grant to support costs associated with meeting this responsibility. In doing so, they should take account of the [non-statutory guidance](#) published on 30 June 2022 to help them implement this new duty.

Annex A attached includes the amount of funding awarded to each local authority for the 2022-23 financial year.

Signed by authority of the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families.

Yours sincerely



May El Komy and Kate Cornish
Deputy Directors - Children's Social Care
Department for Education

Sec 31 Extension of the Role of Virtual School Heads to children with a social worker GRANT DETERMINATION 2022/23: [31/6172]

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:

Citation

1) This determination may be cited as the EXTENSION OF THE ROLE OF VIRTUAL SCHOOL HEADS TO CHILDREN WITH A SOCIAL WORKER IMPLEMENTATION GRANT (2022/23) [No. 31/6172]

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 in respect of implementing the role of the Virtual School Head for children with a social worker.

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.

Grant payments and expectations

4) Grant will be paid in 3 instalments of as near equal value as possible. The first instalment will be paid in September 2022. The second instalment will be paid in December 2022. The third instalment will be paid in March 2023. All payments will be paid before the end of the financial year 2022/23.

5) Local authorities should refer to the Memorandum of Understanding, setting out expectations as to how the funding will be spent, at Annex B. The Memorandum of Understanding should be read, signed and returned to DfE by every local authority by 22 July 2022.

Treasury consent

6) 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a large loop.

May El Komy and Kate Cornish
Deputy Directors - Children's Social Care
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ANNEX A – Local Authority Allocations

Authorities to which grant is to be paid	Amount of grant to be paid
Isles of Scilly	£30,000
City of London	£30,000
Rutland	£100,000
Hartlepool	£100,000
Bracknell Forest	£100,000
Kensington and Chelsea	£100,000
Darlington	£100,000
Torbay	£100,000
Blackpool	£100,000
Isle of Wight	£100,000
Kingston upon Thames	£100,000
Slough	£100,000
Southend-on-Sea	£100,000
Thurrock	£100,000
Middlesbrough	£100,000
Merton	£100,000
Richmond upon Thames	£100,000
Redcar and Cleveland	£100,000
Reading	£100,000
Barking and Dagenham	£100,000
Westminster	£100,000
Knowsley	£100,000
Camden	£100,000
Hammersmith and Fulham	£100,000
Harrow	£100,000
South Tyneside	£100,000
North East Lincolnshire	£100,000
York	£100,000
Sutton	£100,000
Portsmouth	£100,000
Halton	£100,000
Windsor and Maidenhead	£100,000
Wokingham	£100,000

Islington	£100,000
St. Helens	£100,000
Brighton and Hove	£100,000
Luton	£100,000
Bedford	£100,000
Telford and Wrekin	£100,000
Blackburn with Darwen	£100,000
Southampton	£100,000
Redbridge	£100,000
North Somerset	£100,000
Stockton-on-Tees	£100,000
Peterborough	£100,000

Bexley	£100,000
Hounslow	£100,000
Waltham Forest	£100,000
North Tyneside	£100,000
North Lincolnshire	£100,000
Hackney	£100,000
Bury	£100,000
Bath and North East Somerset	£100,000
West Berkshire	£100,000
Havering	£100,000
Swindon	£100,000
Solihull	£100,000
Lewisham	£100,000
Wandsworth	£100,000
Brent	£100,000
Gateshead	£100,000
Greenwich	£100,000
Haringey	£100,000
Rochdale	£100,000
Warrington	£100,000
Barnsley	£100,000
Lambeth	£100,000
Trafford	£100,000
Stoke-on-Trent	£100,000

Ealing	£100,000
Enfield	£100,000
Kingston Upon Hull City of	£100,000
Tameside	£100,000
Plymouth	£100,000
Salford	£100,000
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council	£100,000
Herefordshire	£100,000
Newcastle upon Tyne	£100,000
Newham	£100,000
Calderdale	£100,000
Bromley	£100,000
Hillingdon	£100,000
Medway	£100,000
Tower Hamlets	£100,000
Derby	£100,000
Nottingham	£100,000
Sefton	£100,000
Oldham	£100,000
Dudley	£100,000
Southwark	£100,000
Wolverhampton	£100,000
Leicester	£100,000
Milton Keynes	£100,000
Stockport	£100,000

South Gloucestershire	£100,000
Coventry	£100,000
Sunderland	£100,000
Sandwell	£100,000
Walsall	£100,000
Rotherham	£100,000
Croydon	£100,000
Wirral	£100,000
Doncaster	£100,000
Barnet	£100,000
Bolton	£100,000

Wigan	£100,000
Central Bedfordshire	£100,000
West Northamptonshire	£100,000
North Northamptonshire	£100,000
Wakefield	£116,731
East Riding of Yorkshire	£117,434
Shropshire	£117,434
Bristol City of	£118,019
Cheshire East	£118,136
Dorset	£118,721
Cheshire West and Chester	£119,189
Northumberland	£119,189
Liverpool	£120,125
Sheffield	£120,827
Kirklees	£121,061
Manchester	£121,529
East Sussex	£121,763
Bradford	£124,922
Buckinghamshire	£127,496
Wiltshire	£127,964
Worcestershire	£128,549
Warwickshire	£129,017
Cambridgeshire	£130,889
Durham	£131,240
Somerset	£131,357
Leeds	£132,176
Cornwall	£132,644
Leicestershire	£132,995
West Sussex	£133,463
Oxfordshire	£135,101
Gloucestershire	£135,218
Cumbria	£137,675
Suffolk	£138,026
Nottinghamshire	£139,430
Lincolnshire	£142,706
North Yorkshire	£142,823
Devon	£143,174

Surrey	£146,333
Staffordshire	£146,918
Derbyshire	£148,907
Norfolk	£149,609
Birmingham	£151,833
Hampshire	£162,012
Hertfordshire	£162,246
Essex	£164,937
Kent	£168,330
Lancashire	£173,712
Total	£16.6m