

To Chief Executive Officers of:

Bury
Bolton
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1 December 2017

Dear Chief Executive Officer,

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for National Assessment and Accreditation System early adopters. [GR 1000355] [DCLG 31/3163]

This Determination is made between:

- (1) The **Minister 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 towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them.

This grant is intended to support the activity of the local authorities named in Annex A that are taking part in Phase 1 / Phase 2 implementation of the National Assessment and Accreditation System. They may however, choose how to spend the money in order to best meet local need.

The introduction of the National Assessment and Accreditation System will provide a consistent way of assuring that child and family social workers, supervisors and leaders have the knowledge and skills for effective practice. It will help individuals and their managers gain a better understanding of their practice and provide a clear benchmark of expertise and quality of practice.

The National Assessment and Accreditation System forms part of the social work reform programme set out in *Putting children first: Delivering our vision for excellent children's social care*. This policy paper (published in July 2016) sets out the Department for Education's vision to radically reform the children's social care system, putting practice excellence and achieving more for the children we serve, at its heart.

Reforms are structured around three areas:

1. People and leadership – bringing the best people into the profession, and giving them the right knowledge and skills for the incredibly challenging but hugely rewarding work we expect them to do, and developing leaders equipped to nurture practice excellence;
2. Practice and systems – creating the right environment for excellent practice and innovation to flourish; and
3. Governance and accountability – making sure that what we are doing is working, using data to show us strengths and weaknesses in the system, and developing innovative new organisational models with the potential to radically improve services.

The National Assessment and Accreditation System will play a key role in delivering against the people and leadership area at point 1 above.

Local authorities who have volunteered to take part as early adopters for Phase 1/ Phase 2 of the National Assessment and Accreditation System are undertaking a range of activities to prepare both their social workers and their systems.

Annex A includes the total amount of funding awarded to each Phase 1/Phase 2 site for 2017/18.

This letter has been copied for information, to Her Majesty's Treasury and the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Signed by authority of the Minister of State for Children and Families.



Samantha Olsen
Deputy Director, Social Work Reform
Department for Education

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION SYSTEM EARLY ADOPTERS GRANT DETERMINATION 2017-18 No 31/3163

The Minister of State for Children and Families (“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 National Assessment and Accreditation System early adopters Determination 2017-18 [No 31/3163].

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 grants are to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid; these are set out in Annex A.

Treasury consent

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

Payment arrangements

5) The total grant to be paid to each authority is set out at Annex A. The grant will be paid in one instalment in December 2017 and will be for the sum attributed to the 2017-18 financial year.

Signed by authority of the Minister of State for Children and Families.



Samantha Olsen
Deputy Director, Social Work Reform
Department for Education

1 December 2017

**ANNEX A – NATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION
SYSTEM EARLY ADOPTERS GRANT DETERMINATION 2017-
18: No 31/ 3163**

Local Authorities to which the grant is to be paid	Amount of grant to be paid
Bury (Phase 1)	£126,200
Bolton (Phase 2)	£158,200
Cornwall (Phase 2)	£173,800
Islington (Phase 2)	£158,600
Leeds (Phase 1)	£308,600
Manchester (Phase 1)	£212,600
North Yorkshire (Phase 2)	£187,000
Oldham (Phase 1)	£138,600
Rochdale (Phase 2)	£144,600
Salford (Phase 2)	£167,400
Stockport (Phase 2)	£151,000
Trafford (Phase 2)	£119,000
Wigan (Phase 1)	£125,400
Total	£2,171,000