



Department
for Education

To Chief Executive Officers of:

London Borough of Bexley
Bolton Council
City of Bradford
Bury Council
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London Borough of Hackney
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Leeds City Council
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North Yorkshire County Council
Oldham Council
Rochdale Borough Council
Salford City Council
Stockport Council
Trafford Council
London Borough of Waltham Forest
Wigan Council

21 February 2019

Dear Chief Executive Officer,

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for National Assessment and Accreditation System early adopters. [GR1000414] [DLG 31/3258]

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 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 2 implementation of the National Assessment and Accreditation System, to champion the independent research and evaluation of NAAS and to facilitate the highest possible social worker participation in this research. 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 2 of the National Assessment and Accreditation System (NAAS) are undertaking a range of activities to prepare both their social workers and their systems.

Annex A includes the amount of funding awarded to each early adopter site in this further tranche for 2018/19.

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 Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families.



Samantha Olsen
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Department for Education

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION SYSTEM EARLY ADOPTERS GRANT DETERMINATION 2018-19 [GR1000414] [DLG 31/3258]

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families 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 2018-19 [No 31/3520]

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 Parliamentary Under Secretary 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.

Treasury consent

4) Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Parliamentary Under Secretary 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 March 2019 and will be for the sum attributed to the 2018/19 financial year.

Signed by authority of the

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families



Samantha Olsen,

Deputy Director

Department for Education

14 February 2019

ANNEX A – NATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION SYSTEM EARLY ADOPTERS GRANT DETERMINATION 2018-19: [GR1000414] [DLG 31/3258]

Authorities to which the grant is to be paid	Amount of grant to be paid
London Borough of Bexley	£10,000
Bolton Council	£10,000
City of Bradford	£10,000
Bury Council	£10,000
Calderdale Council	£10,000
Cornwall	£10,000
Essex County Council	£10,000
London Borough of Hackney	£10,000
London Borough of Islington	£10,000
Leeds City Council	£10,000
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