



To Chief Executive Officers of:

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
Central Bedfordshire Council	Warrington Borough Council
Derby City	Westminster Council
Darlington Borough Council	West Berkshire Council
Durham County Council	Coventry City Council
Hammersmith and Fulham Council	Dudley Council
Hampshire	Herefordshire Council
Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea	Shropshire Council
Middlesbrough Council	
Lambeth Council	Solihull Council
Lancashire County Council	Staffordshire County Council
Lincolnshire County Council	City of Stoke-on-Trent
North Lincolnshire Council	Telford and Wrekin Council
North East Lincolnshire Council	Walsall Council
Nottinghamshire County Council	Warwickshire County Council
Plymouth City Council	Wolverhampton Council
Rotherham Council	Worcestershire County Council

18 March 2019

Dear Chief Executive Officer,

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for National Assessment and Accreditation System early adopters. [GR1000725] [DCLG 31/3520]

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. 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.

.In addition, and as part of agreeing to participate in NAAS Phase 2, there are a number of expectations the Department has communicated to the participating local authorities. These are as follows:

- The Department would expect each new Phase 2 site to support the wider aims of NAAS including; assisting the whole workforce to become more familiar with the KSS and give consideration to career progression of which NAAS would form a part.
- The Department would expect that senior leaders from within each new Phase 2 site will support this initiative: demonstrated through attendance at the twice yearly DCS forum.
- The Department would expect each new Phase 2 site to participate in the independent research which is tracking how well NAAS is working.
- The Department would expect each new Phase 2 site to assess 20-30% of social workers in post within a year time period.

Included in this grant is an additional £10,000 per site to champion the ongoing research and evaluation of the programme, which is being used to inform and develop the NAAS as it rolls out.

Annex A includes the total amount of funding awarded to each Phase 2 site 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Olsen', is positioned at the top left of the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Samantha Olsen
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Department for Education

**NATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION SYSTEM EARLY ADOPTERS
GRANT DETERMINATION 2017-18 [GR1000725] [No 31/3520]**

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

18 March 2019

**ANNEX A – NATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION SYSTEM PHASE 2
EARLY ADOPTERS GRANT DETERMINATION 2018-19: [GR1000725] [No 31/3520]**

Authorities to which the grant is to be paid	Amount of grant to be paid
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	£140,200
Central Bedfordshire Council	£144,600
Derby City	£144,600
Darlington Borough Council	£117,400
Durham County Council	£197,400
Hammersmith and Fulham Council	£139,000
Hampshire	£252,200
Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea	£144,600
Lambeth Council	£152,200
Lancashire County Council	£278,200
Lincolnshire County Council	£205,800
North Lincolnshire Council	£135,000
North East Lincolnshire Council	£131,400
Nottinghamshire County Council	£271,000
Plymouth City Council	£147,400
Rotherham Council	£192,600
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	£122,600
Warrington Borough Council	£135,000
Westminster Council	£135,400
West Berkshire Council	£121,400
Coventry City Council	£198,600
Dudley Council	£157,400
Herefordshire Council	£121,400
Shropshire Council	£129,400
Solihull Council	£120,600
Staffordshire County Council	£237,400
City of Stoke-on-Trent	£175,400
Telford and Wrekin Council	£131,400
Walsall Council	£161,400
Warwickshire County Council	£231,800
Wolverhampton Council	£147,800
Worcestershire County Council	£178,200