

To all local authorities in England

July 2015

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Children's Social Care Innovation Programme Grant (2014-16) CSDSD 04/2015

This Determination is made between:

- (1) **The Secretary of State for Education** 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 an addition to grant CSDSD61/2014 and reflects Innovation Programme funding which was agreed and/or finalised post February 2015.

This grant is intended to support the projects these local authorities have requested to undertake relating to innovation in children's social care. They may, however, choose how to spend the money in order to best meet local need.

The Children's Social Care Innovation Programme supports the development, testing and spreading of more effective ways of supporting children and families who need help from children's social care services. It has two main focus areas:

- Rethinking children's social work – improving the quality and impact of children's social work;
- Rethinking support for adolescents in or on the edge of care – improving the quality and impact of services which provide a stable effective launch pad for adolescents to transition successfully into adulthood.

The Innovation Programme will provide valuable lessons about how to secure better outcomes for our most vulnerable children and how best to structure and resource the work we do with them. The Programme is seeking to inspire whole system change so that in five years' time we achieve:

- Better life chances for children receiving help from the social care system;
- Stronger incentives and mechanisms for innovation, experimentation and replication of successful new approaches; and
- Better value for money across children's social care.

Local authorities are undertaking a range of projects to test new ideas.

Some local authorities are involved in multiple projects and Annex A reflects funding awarded across the Innovation Programme.

Annex A provides details of payments being made to local authorities involved in Innovation Projects for funding that was finalised after 27 February 2015.

Details of payments to local authorities in grant CSDSD61/2014 will not change and this grant agreement (CSDSD 04/2015) allocates funds in addition to CSDSD61/2014 grant agreement.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Archer', written over a light grey horizontal line.

Graham Archer, Director, Department of Education

Innovation Programme GRANT DETERMINATION [2015-16]: No 31/2625

The Secretary of State for Education (“the Secretary 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 Innovation Programme Grant Determination [2015-16] [No. 31/2625].

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 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 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 two instalments of as near equal value as possible in September 2015 and December 2015.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Graham Archer, Director, Department for Education

ANNEX A

Local Authority	Total 2015/16
Calderdale MBC	727,000
Cambridgeshire County Council	45,000
London Borough of Camden	45,000
Cheshire West and Chester	90,000
Coventry City Council	324,000
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council	20,000
Gloucestershire County Council	1,524,000
London Borough of Hackney	1,460,610
Kent County Council	324,000
London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham	66,249
Leeds City Council	760,000
Leicester City Council	90,000
Manchester City Council	155,000
Norfolk County Council	70,000
North Yorkshire County Council	£241,160
Northamptonshire County Council	120,000
Nottingham City Council	90,000
Oxfordshire County Council	160,000
Plymouth City Council	226,365
Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea	66,249
Reading Borough Council	120,000
Salford City Council	70,000
Sheffield City Council	45,000
Somerset County Council	70,000
London Borough of Southwark	100,000
Staffordshire County Council	230,000
Suffolk County Council	415,743
London Borough of Tower Hamlets	82,500
Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council	140,000
London Borough of Waltham Forest	136,250
West Sussex County Council	90,000
City of Westminster	66,249
Wiltshire County Council	70,000
Wolverhampton City Council	70,000
Total	8,310,375