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Dear Paul,

**Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for funding for Children's Social Care costs following the Manchester arena bombing in May 2017. MHCLG reference 31/3247 / DfE reference GR1000422.**

This Determination is made between:

- (1) **The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families**  
and
- (2) **Manchester City Council.**

### **Purpose of the Grant**

Following the tragic event of the Manchester Arena bombing, Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) made a request on behalf of Manchester City Council for the Department for Education to cover the cost of extra Children's Social Care support required in the aftermath of the attack. Annex A provides details of the breakdown of the costs requested.

I am writing to inform you that the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families has agreed, in conjunction with the Prime Minister, that we should make a one off payment for this sum.

This letter sets out the arrangements for distributing this sum.

We look forward to working with you to bring about the rapid signature of the grant agreement.

Signed by authority of the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

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Graham Archer  
Director  
Department for Education

## **Manchester Arena Bombing CSC Funding GRANT DETERMINATION 2018: No 31/3247**

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families (“the Parliamentary Under 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 Manchester Arena Bombing CSC Funding Determination 2018 [No31/3247].

### **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 the 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.

Signed by authority of the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

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Graham Archer  
Director  
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**ANNEX A – Manchester Arena Bombing CSC Funding GRANT  
DETERMINATION 2018: No 31/3247**

<b>Authorities to which grant is to be paid</b>	<b>Amount of grant to be paid</b>
<b>Manchester City Council</b>	<b>£451,000</b>

## **Annex B – Breakdown of Costs**

### Early Help/SW Assessments £51k

Following the attack at the Manchester Arena the Service experienced an increase of 315 referrals in June compared to May. This increase in cases required extra capacity to assess needs. Whilst the council cannot identify each child at, or affected by, the events at the Arena, they consider that this is a reasonable and proportionate assumption based on the past trends of activity and the timing of the “spike”. The costs of £51k were based on approximately 20 assessments per Social Worker completed over a month (at the average monthly cost of a Social Worker). Capacity was required to ensure manageable caseloads in line with Manchester's target of a maximum of 20 cases per worker.

### Intervention £120k

Of those assessed approximately 60% required some form of short term intervention to support them with issues such as trauma, insecurity, etc. This was generally for an average period of around 8 weeks. The costs were assessed at £120k, again based on proportionate time at Social Worker pay grades rather than specific additional agency staff costs as these could not be determined on an individual basis.

### Parenting Programme £200k

CAPS is a citywide, multi-agency early intervention service which delivers evidence-based interventions for families. Since May, the Early Help service has experienced an increase in the number of families being referred to the programme. Sometimes the reasons for the young people and families accessing the service are not necessarily obvious to them or the council that it is linked to the bombing. The service runs two programmes - Webster Stratton & Outreach and Parenting Teens.

### Interventions with the Families of those Arrested £80k

During the investigation there were 17 displaced households, with a further 4 families being caught up of which 2 families were already known to the ‘prevent’ programme, and 2 families being associated with those arrested. There were 30 children involved plus 1 unborn child, and subsequently one child did enter the looked after system. The additional demand for social care resulted in backfill costs for key social workers to provide capacity.