

To all local authorities in England

May 2019

To Whom It May Concern

**Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Children's Social Care Innovation Programme Grant GR1000335.**

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 intended to support the projects these local authorities have requested to undertake relating to innovation and reform 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.

The Innovation Programme will focus on the policy priorities 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 for this Parliament.

This is to radically reform the children's social care system, putting practice excellence and achieving more for the children we serve at its heart. Reforms will be 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 Innovation Programme will play a key role in delivering the Government's vision.

The Innovation Programme will continue to 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. They are seeking to inspire whole system change so that by the end of this parliament 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 and to support other local authorities and children's social care organisations to test and implement new ideas.

Annex A provides details of payments being made to local authorities involved in innovation projects where funding was agreed by 10 May 2019. Details of payments to local authorities involved in further projects approved during the funding period will be published in an updated version of this letter.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State



Graham Archer,  
Director  
Department for Education

## **Innovation Programme GRANT DETERMINATION [2019-20]: No. 31/3733.**

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: 31/3733.

### **Citation**

1) This determination may be cited as the Innovation Programme Grant Determination [2019/20]

### **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 one instalment in May 2019 and will be for the sum attributed to the 2019-20 financial year.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State



Graham Archer  
Director  
Department for Education

## Annex A

<b>Innovation Programme LA</b>	<b>Grant Allocation</b>
Dorset County Council	15,720.00
London Borough of Newham Council	242,933.00
Warwickshire County Council	360,467.50
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	248,598.00
Cornwall Council	579,062.00
Coventry City Council	566,848.00
Essex County Council	639,067.00
London Borough of Camden	369,781.00
London Borough of Havering Council	135,000.00
Royal Borough of Greenwich Council	657,234.30
London Borough of Croydon	86,295.00
Bristol City Council	354,514.00
Lewisham Council	259,037.00
Sheffield City Council	228,300.00
Hertfordshire County Council	178,810.00
Southwark Council	36,208.00
Devon County Council	104,313.00
North Yorkshire County Council	87,416.00
Kent County Council	159,192.00
Suffolk County Council	129,259.00
London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Council	33,204.00
London Borough of Tower Hamlets Council	26,046.00
Oxfordshire County Council	46,551.00
Metropolitan Borough of Stockport Council	31,072.00
Leeds County Council	20,774.00
Portsmouth City Council	69,500.00
North Tyneside Council	87,000.00
North East Lincolnshire Council	63,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,815,201.80</b>