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To all local authorities in England

Dear colleagues,

Section 31 Grant Determination Letter for - Leaving Care Allowance Uplift Implementation Grant (New Burdens) 2023/25 [31/6559]

This Determination is made between:

- (1) **The Minister of State for Education** and
- (2) **The local authorities listed at Annex A**

Purpose of the Grant

Statutory guidance requires local authorities to provide a leaving care allowance, to enable care leavers to purchase essentials (such as furniture, white goods and carpets/curtains) when they move into their first home. DfE guidance currently recommends that local authorities should pay a minimum of £2,000.

The independent review into children's social care recommended that the minimum amount should be increased. We are increasing the minimum recommended amount to £3,000 from April 2023. Statutory Guidance will be updated to reflect the new minimum amount that DfE recommends local authorities should pay. This proposal was announced in the Government's response to the care review, published on 2 February. [Children's social care stable homes built on love](#)

The purpose of this grant is to provide support to local authorities in England to help them meet the requirements of this duty.

Local authorities can spend this grant to support the costs associated with meeting this duty. In doing so, they should take account of the statutory guidance.

Leaving Care Allowance Allocation Methodology

The final allocation was calculated by first taking the total number of young people leaving care aged 16-18+ for each local authority. The data used was for year ending 31st March 2021. This required use of censored data, including 16 year-olds, which is unpublished so that instances with small numbers of cases are not disclosed. Similar uncensored data is published in [Children looked after in England including adoptions, Reporting year 2022 – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](#).

Local authority shares of the national total were multiplied by the total amount of funding available to obtain each authorities' allocation. Annex A attached includes the amount of funding awarded to each local authority for 2023/25.

Signed by authority of the Minister of State for Education

Yours Faithfully,

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LEAVING CARE ALLOWANCE UPLIFT GRANT DETERMINATION 2023/25 No 31/6559.

The Minister of State for Education (“the Minister 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 Leaving Care Allowance Uplift Grant Duty Determination 2023/2025 **[No 31/6559]**.

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 Minister 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.

Payment of Grant

The total amount to be paid to each local authority is set out in Annex A. Payments will be made twice annually - in as near equal value as possible in months May and November for years 2023/24 and May and November for years 2024/2025.

We expect to publish the Grant Determination letter by end of March 2023 and funding to local authorities to start May 2023.

Treasury consent

4) Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Minister of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Minister of State for Education

Sophie Langdale/Frances Oram
Directors
Children’s Social Care: Practice and Workforce

LEAVING CARE ALLOWANCE UPLIFT DUTY: GRANT DETERMINATION FOR 2023/25

LA	Allocation Amounts for 2023-24	Allocation Amounts for 2024/2025	Cumulative total
Darlington	£22,034	£22,034	£44,068
Durham	£77,942	£77,942	£155,884
Gateshead	£38,149	£38,149	£76,298
Hartlepool	£27,296	£27,296	£54,592
Middlesbrough	£54,263	£54,263	£108,526
Newcastle Upon Tyne	£73,009	£73,009	£146,018
North Tyneside	£40,451	£40,451	£80,902
Northumberland	£46,042	£46,042	£92,084
Redcar and Cleveland	£37,491	£37,491	£74,982
South Tyneside	£35,189	£35,189	£70,378
Stockton-On-Tees	£44,069	£44,069	£88,138
Sunderland	£71,036	£71,036	£132,072
Blackburn with Darwen	£36,505	£36,505	£73,010
Blackpool	£53,935	£53,935	£107,870
Bolton	£61,499	£61,499	£122,998
Bury	£41,438	£41,438	£82,876
Cheshire East	£72,022	£72,022	£144,044
Cheshire West and Chester	£49,659	£49,659	£99,318
Cumberland	£42,646	£42,646	£85,292
Halton	£30,585	£30,585	£61,170
Knowsley	£35,518	£35,518	£71,036
Lancashire	£235,800	£235,800	£471,600
Liverpool	£197,979	£197,979	£395,958
Manchester	£239,417	£239,417	£478,834
Oldham	£60,512	£60,512	£121,024
Rochdale	£69,720	£69,720	£139,440
Salford	£73,996	£73,996	£147,992
Sefton	£55,250	£55,250	£110,500
St Helens	£48,673	£48,673	£97,346
Stockport	£52,619	£52,619	£105,238
Tameside	£83,204	£83,204	£166,408
Trafford	£47,028	£47,028	£94,056
Warrington	£49,330	£49,330	£98,660
Westmorland and Furness	£32,665	£32,665	£65,330
Wigan	£55,908	£55,908	£111,816
Wirral	£87,808	£87,808	£175,616
Barnsley	£26,638	£26,638	£53,276
Bradford	£159,502	£159,502	£319,004
Calderdale	£39,793	£39,793	£79,586
Doncaster	£66,432	£66,432	£132,864
East Riding of Yorkshire	£47,686	£47,686	£95,372
Kingston Upon Hull, City of	£92,083	£92,083	£184,166
Kirklees	£82,546	£82,546	£165,092
Leeds	£185,154	£185,154	£370,308

North East Lincolnshire	£49,330	£49,330	£98,660
North Lincolnshire	£33,545	£33,545	£67,090
North Yorkshire	£69,391	£69,391	£138,782
Rotherham	£61,499	£61,499	£122,998
Sheffield	£104,581	£104,581	£209,162
Wakefield	£67,089	£67,089	£134,178
York	£26,967	£26,967	£53,934
Derby	£79,915	£79,915	£159,830
Derbyshire	£118,393	£118,393	£236,786
Leicester	£71,694	£71,694	£143,388
Leicestershire	£104,581	£104,581	£209,162
Lincolnshire	£94,714	£94,714	£189,428
North Northamptonshire	£58,210	£58,210	£116,420
West Northamptonshire	£111,487	£111,487	£222,974
Nottingham	£107,211	£107,211	£214,422
Nottinghamshire	£154,898	£154,898	£309,796
Rutland	£8,222	£8,222	£16,444
Birmingham	£319,661	£319,661	£639,322
Coventry	£122,668	£122,668	£245,336
Dudley	£73,009	£73,009	£146,018
Herefordshire	£34,860	£34,860	£69,720
Sandwell	£87,808	£87,808	£175,616
Shropshire	£55,908	£55,908	£111,816
Solihull	£69,063	£69,063	£138,126
Staffordshire	£164,435	£164,435	£328,870
Stoke-On-Trent	£81,889	£81,889	£163,778
Telford and Wrekin	£36,833	£36,833	£73,666
Walsall	£71,036	£71,036	£142,072
Warwickshire	£128,917	£128,917	£257,834
Wolverhampton	£63,472	£63,472	£126,944
Worcestershire	£111,487	£111,487	£222,974
Bedford Borough	£40,122	£40,122	£80,244
Central Bedfordshire	£57,223	£57,223	£114,446
Cambridgeshire	£133,521	£133,521	£267,042
Essex	£246,652	£246,652	£493,304
Hertfordshire	£189,429	£189,429	£378,858
Luton	£86,822	£86,822	£173,644
Norfolk	£182,523	£182,523	£365,046
Peterborough	£62,814	£62,814	£125,628
Southend-on-Sea	£49,659	£49,659	£99,318
Suffolk	£166,079	£166,079	£332,158
Thurrock	£89,453	£89,453	£178,906
Camden	£76,955	£76,955	£153,910
City Of London	£18,088	£18,088	£36,176
Hackney	£124,642	£124,642	£249,284
Hammersmith and Fulham	£76,298	£76,298	£152,596
Haringey	£101,950	£101,950	£203,900
Islington	£104,909	£104,909	£209,818
Kensington and Chelsea	£45,713	£45,713	£91,426
Lambeth	£110,171	£110,171	£220,342
Lewisham	£108,527	£108,527	£217,054
Newham	£112,802	£112,802	£225,604

Southwark	£115,762	£115,762	£231,524
Tower Hamlets	£90,110	£90,110	£180,220
Wandsworth	£85,177	£85,177	£170,354
Westminster	£89,453	£89,453	£178,906
Barking and Dagenham	£101,950	£101,950	£203,900
Barnet	£96,359	£96,359	£192,718
Bexley	£66,103	£66,103	£132,206
Brent	£100,963	£100,963	£201,926
Bromley	£68,076	£68,076	£136,152
Croydon	£221,000	£221,000	£442,000
Ealing	£95,701	£95,701	£191,402
Enfield	£106,883	£106,883	£213,766
Greenwich	£98,332	£98,332	£196,664
Harrow	£57,552	£57,552	£115,104
Havering	£70,049	£70,049	£140,098
Hillingdon	£142,401	£142,401	£284,802
Hounslow	£90,110	£90,110	£180,220
Kingston Upon Thames	£40,451	£40,451	£80,902
Merton	£51,304	£51,304	£102,608
Redbridge	£76,298	£76,298	£152,596
Richmond Upon Thames	£37,491	£37,491	£74,982
Sutton	£59,525	£59,525	£119,050
Waltham Forest	£77,613	£77,613	£155,226
Bracknell Forest	£26,638	£26,638	£53,276
Brighton and Hove	£75,640	£75,640	£151,280
Buckinghamshire	£94,057	£94,057	£188,114
East Sussex	£89,453	£89,453	£178,906
Hampshire	£255,532	£255,532	£511,064
Isle Of Wight	£30,914	£30,914	£61,828
Kent	£720,224	£720,224	£1,440,448
Medway Towns	£57,552	£57,552	£115,104
Milton Keynes	£60,183	£60,183	£120,366
Oxfordshire	£136,152	£136,152	£272,304
Portsmouth	£109,514	£109,514	£219,028
Reading	£45,055	£45,055	£90,110
Slough	£45,384	£45,384	£90,768
Southampton	£60,841	£60,841	£121,682
Surrey	£211,792	£211,792	£423,584
West Berkshire	£37,820	£37,820	£75,640
West Sussex	£179,234	£179,234	£358,468
Windsor and Maidenhead	£22,034	£22,034	£44,068
Wokingham	£23,679	£23,679	£47,358
			£55,250
Bath and North East Somerset	£27,625	£27,625	
Bristol, City of	£95,372	£95,372	£190,744
Cornwall	£74,982	£74,982	£149,964
Devon	£120,366	£120,366	£240,732
Gloucestershire	£132,863	£132,863	£265,726
North Somerset	£43,082	£43,082	£86,164
Plymouth	£63,801	£63,801	£127,602
Dorset	£68,734	£68,734	£137,468
Bournemouth Christchurch and	£97,017	£97,017	£194,034

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Somerset	£94,714	£94,714	£189,428
South Gloucestershire	£46,042	£46,042	£92,084
Swindon	£53,277	£53,277	£106,554
Torbay	£40,451	£40,451	£80,902
Wiltshire	£73,667	£73,667	£147,334
Total	£13,360,000	£13,360,000	£26.72M