

14 June 2023

Dear Local Authority

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Family Hubs Transformation Fund – P1 Capital (2023-24) No 31/6709

This Determination is made between:

(1) **The Secretary of State for Education** and

(2) **The local authorities listed in Annex A**

This letter sets out the requirements for the Family Hubs Transformation Fund. In particular, the purpose and aims of the fund, grant allocations, and payment arrangements.

We are issuing this capital grant as a non-ringfenced grant under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003.

The total funding for this project is £12m over the financial years 2022-23 and 2023-24. It will be paid to 12 local authorities in instalments over the duration of the programme.

Total project funding:

	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	Total
Revenue	£4,000,000	£6,000,000	£10,000,000
Capital	£665,130	£1,334,870	£2,000,000

For FY 2023-24, funding will be issued to eligible local authorities in two instalments in Q1 and Q3. **This letter relates to the first instalment of capital funding in the 2023-24 financial year.**

There will be a separate letter for the second instalment of capital funding in the 2023-24 financial year, and for the revenue element of this grant.

Two local authorities have requested no capital funding in the current financial year and will therefore not receive a copy of this letter.

Purpose of the Grant

Family hubs are a way of joining up locally to 1) improve access to services; 2) improve the connections between families, professionals, services, and providers; and 3) put relationships at the heart of family support. They provide a

public-facing, universal, non-stigmatising gateway that navigates families to the services that they need.

The aims of the Family Hubs Transformation Fund are:

- To transform the service delivery model in 12 local authorities to family hubs – to improve outcomes for families in those local areas.
- To develop and test implementation of a family hubs model within a set of expected characteristics – to develop the evidence base for the future.
- To support the Government's policy objectives.

The Grant is intended to support your local authority to move to a family hubs model of service delivery, to learn about the process of local transformation, and to create valuable resources and learning about the process of local transformation.

This is a 'one off' grant and any further or additional costs needed within or beyond the lifetime of the grant will need to be funded by local authorities.

Expectations for delivery

Each local authority listed at Annex A has agreed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department for Education. This includes a delivery plan that is specific to their local area and outlines the early visible change ('opening milestone') each local authority will deliver to ensure families can begin realising the benefits of family hubs by the summer of 2023.

Alignment with the Family Hubs Model Framework was a key element in the selection of local authorities for funding. The Department encourages local authorities to continue to align with this document, and any future iterations, as closely as possible. Local authorities should also aim to align with the expectations set out in the Family Hubs Service Expectations where possible to ensure families across England receive a consistent offer.

Monitoring and reporting arrangements

A key objective of this fund is to learn about the process of local transformation, and to create valuable resources and learning for local authorities developing family hubs in the future. Details of the monitoring and reporting arrangements are set out in the Memorandum of Understanding.

Please ensure that this letter is copied to your Chief Finance Officer for information. You should also note that this letter has also been copied to His Majesty's Treasury and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Marc Rooney (Deputy Director)
Family Hubs & Early Years Interventions Division

CAPITAL grant determination (non-ringfenced)

**FAMILY HUBS TRANSFORMATION FUND P1 CAPITAL GRANT
DETERMINATION 2023-24: No 31/6709**

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 Family Hubs Transformation Fund P1 Capital Grant Determination (2023-24) [No 31/6709]

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 to deliver the expectations set out in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretary of State and each of the ten local authorities to which grants are to be paid.

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.

Grant conditions

4) Pursuant to section 31(3) and 31(4) of the Local Government Act 2003, the Secretary of State determines that the grant will be paid subject to the conditions in Annex B.

Treasury consent

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education



Marc Rooney (Deputy Director)
Family Hubs & Early Years Interventions Division

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**ANNEX A – FAMILY HUBS TRANSFORMATION FUND CAPITAL
GRANT DETERMINATION 2023-24 – FIRST PAYMENT: No
31/6709**

Authorities to which grant is to be paid	FY 23-24 - Capital First payment
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	£65,550
Brighton and Hove	£79,000
Cheshire East	£36,000
Cumberland (formerly Cumbria)	£83,500
Dorset	£41,750
London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham	£83,500
Leicestershire	£54,035
London Borough of Merton	£68,500
Solihull	£67,050
York	£83,500

ANNEX B – FAMILY HUBS TRANSFORMATION FUND P1 CAPITAL GRANT DETERMINATION 2023-24: No 31/6709

GRANT CONDITIONS

1. Grant paid to a local authority under this determination may be used only for the purposes that a capital receipt may be used for in accordance with regulations made under section 11 of the Local Government Act 2003.

2. The Chief Executive, Chief Internal Auditor or Section 151 officer of each of the recipient authorities are required to sign and return to the Family Hubs and Early Years Interventions Division within the Early Years, Childcare, Families and Analysis Directorate of the Department for Education a declaration in the following terms:

“To the best of my knowledge and belief, and having carried out appropriate investigations and checks, in my opinion, in all significant respects, the conditions attached to the Family Hubs Transformation Fund No 31/6709 have been complied with”.

3. If an authority fails to comply with any of the conditions and requirements of paragraphs 1 and 2, the Secretary of State may-

- a) reduce, suspend or withhold grant; or
- b) by notification in writing to the authority, require the repayment of the whole or any part of the grant.

4. Any sum notified by the Secretary of State under paragraph 3(b) shall immediately become repayable to the Secretary of State.