

24th February 2023

Dear Local Authority,

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme P2 Capital (2022-23) [No 31/6507]

This Determination is made between:

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

We are issuing this capital Grant under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003. The Senior Responsible Officer for this grant, Susie Owen, will require your responsible officer to confirm at the end of the financial year that the funding has been properly expended.

Background to the grant

In October 2021 the government announced **£301.75 million for 75 upper-tier local authorities in England** to deliver Start for Life and family services over 3 financial years (FY), 2022-23 to 2024-25. This is a joint programme overseen by the Department for Education and the Department of Health and Social Care. The Department for Education will be administering the grant funding on behalf of both departments. This funding package includes **£81.75 million** to create a network of family hubs, improving access to a wide range of integrated support services for families with children aged 0–19. The majority of the funding to create family hubs is designated as revenue, but there is a proportion of funding available for capital to facilitate minor adaptations. The total capital funding pot available to facilitate family hub transformation is **£15M**, over 3 years, FY 2022-23 to FY 2024-25. For FY 2022-23, we expect capital funds to be made available to local authorities in the form of non-

ringfenced grants made in two instalments; one after eligible local authorities sign-up to the programme and sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Department and another later in the financial year after the local authority has submitted a satisfactory delivery plan. This is subject to HMT approval.

Purpose of the grant

The programme will join up and enhance services delivered through family hubs in 75 local authorities, ensuring families in those areas can access the support they need, building the capacity of parents and carers to improve outcomes for babies and children.

The capital grant funding made available to support family hubs transformation will help achieve these aims. The capital funding could be used for the following purposes: adapting existing buildings, improving accessibility and enabling multi-agency working. This could include, for example: IT upgrades; signage; improving building space; new furniture to ensure suitability for older children; and new equipment such as sinks or specialist flooring for clinical use by midwives or health visitors.

Full details of the Programme expectations are set out in the Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Guide <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/family-hubs-and-start-for-life-programme-local-authority-guide>.

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,

Marc Rooney (Deputy Director), Family Hubs and Early Years Interventions,
DfE

CAPITAL grant determination (non-ringfenced)

FAMILY HUBS AND START FOR LIFE PROGRAMME P2 CAPITAL GRANT DETERMINATION 2022-23: [No 31/6507]

The Secretary of State for Education (Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP), 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 and Start for Life Programme P2 Capital Grant Determination (2022-23) [No. 31/6507].

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 Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Guide <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/family-hubs-and-start-for-life-programme-local-authority-guide> and the obligations set out in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Secretary of State and each of the 75 local authorities to which grants are to be paid.

Determination

3) The Secretary of State determines the local authorities to which grants are to be paid and the amounts 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 and Early Years Interventions,
DfE

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**ANNEX A – FAMILY HUBS AND START FOR LIFE
PROGRAMME P2 CAPITAL GRANT DETERMINATION 2022-23
– SECOND PAYMENT: [No 31/6507]**

Barking and Dagenham	£26,186
Barnsley	£23,415
Bedford	£21,629
Birmingham	£70,189
Blackburn with Darwen	£21,026
Blackpool	£19,537
Bolton	£27,185
Bradford	£40,931
Brent	£29,007
Bristol, City of	£32,110
Calderdale	£22,392
Camden	£22,363
Cornwall	£34,453
Coventry	£30,076
Croydon	£31,972
Derby	£18,183
Doncaster	£26,164
Dudley	£27,231
Durham	£33,917
East Sussex	£31,335
Enfield	£29,785
Gateshead	£21,630
Greenwich	£26,937
Hackney	£25,459
Halton	£19,577
Haringey	£25,339
Hartlepool	£17,536
Hounslow	£25,960
Isle of Wight	£18,439
Islington	£22,438
Kent	£80,303
Kingston upon Hull, City of	£24,594
Knowsley	£20,359
Lambeth	£25,806
Leicester	£30,085
Lewisham	£26,038
Lincolnshire	£42,400
Liverpool	£33,582
Luton	£25,120
Manchester	£37,567
Medway	£26,324
Middlesbrough	£20,473
Newcastle upon Tyne	£25,810

Newham	£30,003
Norfolk	£47,098
North East Lincolnshire	£20,570
North Lincolnshire	£20,392
North Northamptonshire	£28,843
Northumberland	£24,805
Nottingham	N/A
Oldham	£24,971
Peterborough	£23,382
Plymouth	£24,278
Portsmouth	£22,734
Redcar and Cleveland	£19,298
Rochdale	£24,366
Rotherham	£24,915
Salford	£24,862
Sandwell	£29,622
Sheffield	£37,371
South Tyneside	£19,402
Southampton	£24,248
Southwark	£25,840
St. Helens	£20,643
Stoke-on-Trent	£24,530
Sunderland	£24,241
Tameside	£23,785
Telford and Wrekin	£21,979
Thurrock	£22,289
Torbay	£18,914
Tower Hamlets	£28,287
Wakefield	£28,394
Walsall	£26,413
Waltham Forest	£26,786
Wolverhampton	£25,767

ANNEX B – FAMILY HUBS AND START FOR LIFE PROGRAMME P2 CAPITAL GRANT DETERMINATION 2022-23: [No 31/6507]

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 and Chief Internal Auditor of each of the recipient authorities are required to sign and return to the Department for Education a declaration, as part of the outturn statement to be received no later than the date communicated by the team, in the following terms:

“To the best of our knowledge and belief, and having carried out appropriate investigations and checks, in our opinion, in all significant respects, the conditions attached to the Family Hub and Start for Life programme P2 Capital Grant Determination 2022-23 No. 31/6507 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 Minister.