

08 June 2023

Dear Local Authority,

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Family Hubs and Start for Life programme Revenue (2023-24): [No 31/6693]

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 revenue Grant under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003. The Senior Responsible Officers for this grant, Susie Owen and Liz Ketch, 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. The money will fund a joint programme overseen by the Department for Education (DfE) and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). DfE will be administering the grant funding on behalf of both departments. The funding is broken down as follows:

- **£100 million** for bespoke **parent–infant relationship and perinatal mental health support**
- **£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 and 0-25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) [*£15 million of which is capital funding*]

- **£50 million** to establish **infant feeding support** services
- **£50 million** to fund **parenting support programmes for 0-2**
- **£10 million** to support local authorities to publish a clear **Start for Life offer**, and establish **Parent and Carer Panels**
- **£10 million to trial innovative Start for Life workforce models.**

Note: this element of the funding package sits outside of the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme. It comes onstream in FY 2023/24 and will be allocated to a smaller number of local authorities (approximately 5). It is therefore not covered by this grant determination letter.

The programme now also includes **£28.7 million** to train practitioners to support parents with the **home learning environment** through evidenced based interventions for pre-school children, taking the programme's total funding to £330.45m between 2022-23 financial year and 2024-25 financial year.

Participating local authorities will receive a share of all funding streams above, other than the £10m for workforce trials for the reasons outlined. All local authorities will be expected to deliver across all components of the programme for which they are receiving funding.

For FY 2023-24 we expect funds to be made available to local authorities in the form of a non-ringfenced grant paid in two instalments. Funding for 2023-24 will be made contingent on the terms set out in the Memorandum of Understanding for the programme. This will include a review of Programme delivery and the Recipient's Statement of Grant Usage, including their expenditure statements for the previous financial year.

Purpose of the grant

The programme's core objective is to improve the universal Start for Life offer and transform the delivery of family services in local authority areas with the highest levels of deprivation and disproportionately poor health and educational outcomes, to support the government's levelling up ambitions.

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.

Local authorities will be expected to work with delivery partners (e.g. health, education, voluntary sector, and other partners) to design and implement their family hub model and Start for Life services.

Full details of the Programme aims and objectives and the expectations that local authorities are expected to deliver with this funding 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 shared with 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), Early Years, Childcare, Families and Analysis Directorate, DfE

Liz Ketch (Director), Director of Early Years, Children and Families, OHID, DHSC

REVENUE grant determination (non-ringfenced)

FAMILY HUBS AND START FOR LIFE PROGRAMME REVENUE GRANT DETERMINATION 2023-24: [No 31/6693]

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 Revenue Grant Determination (2023-24) [No31/6693].

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 maximum amounts 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.

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 REVENUE GRANT DETERMINATION 2023-24:
[No 31/6693]**

Authorities to which the grant is to be paid	Amount of grant to be paid
London Borough of Barking and Dagenham	£1,530,166
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,353,488
Bedford Borough	£1,245,140
Birmingham City Council	£3,949,823
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	£1,215,962
Blackpool Borough Council	£1,122,618
Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,560,052
Bradford Metropolitan District Council	£2,309,819
London Borough of Brent	£1,737,079
Bristol City Council	£1,901,240
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,267,717
London Borough of Camden	£1,366,278
Cornwall Council	£1,874,694
Coventry City Council	£1,698,849
London Borough of Croydon	£1,878,345
Derby City Council	£1,436,709
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,518,358
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,533,953
Durham County Council	£1,837,773
East Sussex County Council	£1,841,151
London Borough of Enfield	£1,713,865
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,218,012
Royal Borough of Greenwich	£1,619,199
London Borough of Hackney	£1,577,871
Halton Borough Council	£1,099,359
London Borough of Haringey	£1,491,511
Hartlepool Borough Council	£1,014,539
London Borough of Hounslow	£1,566,281
Isle of Wight Council	£1,043,512
London Borough of Islington	£1,320,445
Kent County Council	£4,339,946
Kingston-upon-Hull City Council	£1,454,887
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,198,469

London Borough of Lambeth	£1,514,442
Leicester City Council	£1,742,001
London Borough of Lewisham	£1,618,735
Lincolnshire County Council	£2,290,753
Liverpool City Council	£1,932,829
Luton Borough Council	£1,468,462
Manchester City Council	£2,235,176
Medway Council	£1,513,977
Middlesbrough Borough Council	£1,173,251
Newcastle-upon-Tyne City Council	£1,467,990
London Borough of Newham	£1,852,181
Norfolk County Council	£2,546,716
North East Lincolnshire Council	£1,155,784
North Lincolnshire Council	£1,155,297
North Northamptonshire	£1,629,523
Northumberland Council	£1,376,242
Nottingham City Council	£1,600,713
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,443,834
Peterborough City Council	£1,379,131
Plymouth City Council	£1,371,628
Portsmouth City Council	£1,285,009
Redcar and Cleveland Council	£1,084,868
Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,396,107
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,400,451
Salford City Council	£1,503,079
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,703,974
Sheffield City Council	£2,070,445
South Tyneside Council	£1,121,502
Southampton City Council	£1,400,835
London Borough of Southwark	£1,566,786
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,193,838
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	£1,455,294
Sunderland City Council	£1,369,421
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,363,474
Telford & Wrekin Council	£1,236,973
Thurrock Council	£1,311,448
Torbay Council	£1,061,904
London Borough of Tower Hamlets	£1,658,962
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	£1,623,814
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,559,687

London Borough of Waltham Forest	£1,639,911
Wolverhampton City Council	£1,483,763