

**31 October 2023**

To whom it may concern,

**Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for the Implementation of Supported Accommodation Reforms (Annex A) [31/6642].**

This Determination is made between:

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

**(2) Local Authorities listed in Annex A**

**Purpose of the Grant**

The Government is introducing new requirements for providers of supported accommodation for looked after children and care leavers aged 16 and 17. Providers will be required to register and be inspected by Ofsted against new national quality standards and associated administrative requirements. Ofsted will begin registering providers from 28 April 2023, and registration will become mandatory from 28 October 2023.

The changes are being implemented by The Supported Accommodation (England) Regulations 2023, which will introduce a new requirement on local authorities when placing looked after children aged 16 and 17 in placements in accordance with “other arrangements” under section 22C(6)(d) of the Children Act 1989 and when arranging accommodation for care leavers aged 16 and 17 under s.23B(8)(b) of the Children Act 1989.

From 28 October 2023, local authorities will no longer be permitted to:

- Place looked after children aged 16 and 17 in accordance with other

arrangements under section 22C(6)(d) of the Children Act 1989, in provision that is not registered with Ofsted as supported accommodation or one of the specified exceptions; or

- Arrange accommodation for care leavers aged 16 and 17 under s.23B(8)(b) of the Children Act 1989 in provision that is not registered with Ofsted as supported accommodation or one of the specified exemptions.

Local authorities will be permitted to continue placing/arranging accommodation for looked after children and care leavers aged 16 and 17 in supported accommodation after 28 October 2023 where the provider has submitted a complete application to Ofsted before 28 October 2023, until that application has been determined.

The purpose of this grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them in respect of these changes. Local authorities can use this grant funding to offset the increased costs associated with the impact of these changes.

This grant letter details the payment to be made in October 2023 – which will be the second of four instalments between April 2023 and October 2024. Details of future payments to local authorities will be published in an updated version of this letter, subject to Department for Education approval.

Annex A provides details of payments being made to all local authorities. The funding will be distributed proportionately based on the number of children looked after (CLA) aged 16 to 17 years old, as at 31 March, within each local authority over the past three years 2020 to 2022.

All local authorities receive the 'same weight' in the allocation calculation, which means that if one local authority has the same average number of CLA of the age 16 and 17, between 2020 to 2022, as another local authority, they will get the same funding allocation.

Exceptions apply to the local authority of Isle of Scilly which receives no funding based on having no CLA aged 16 to 17 years old between 31 March 2020 to 2022.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Jennings'.

**Sarah Jennings**

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**Looked After Children Placements**

For and on behalf of Department for Education

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## **S31 Grant Determination Letter for the Implementation of Supported Accommodation Reforms (Annex A).**

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 listed in Annex A) Determination.

### **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**

4) Payment will be made in four instalments, made in April 2023, October 2023, April 2024 and October 2024.

### **Treasury consent**

5) 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**

**Sarah Jennings**

**Deputy Director Looked After Children Placements**

For and on behalf of Department for Education

**ANNEX A –**

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>October 2023</b>
Darlington	£25,529.00
Durham	£101,365.00
Gateshead	£54,061.50
Hartlepool	£39,044.50
Middlesbrough	£71,331.00
Newcastle upon Tyne	£93,105.50
North Tyneside	£52,559.50
Northumberland	£60,068.00
Redcar and Cleveland	£54,061.50
South Tyneside	£39,795.00
Stockton-on-Tees	£68,327.50
Sunderland	£73,583.50
Blackburn with Darwen	£47,303.50
Blackpool	£75,085.00
Bolton	£69,829.00
Bury	£48,805.50
Cheshire East	£87,099.00
Cheshire West and Chester	£79,590.00
Cumberland Council	£68,119.00
Halton	£45,802.00
Knowsley	£45,802.00
Lancashire	£282,320.00
Liverpool	£235,016.50
Manchester	£269,555.50
Oldham	£77,337.50
Rochdale	£86,348.00
Salford	£82,593.50
Sefton	£67,576.50
St. Helens	£64,573.00
Stockport	£60,819.00
Tameside	£107,371.50
Trafford	£56,314.00
Warrington	£57,815.50
Westmorland and Furness	£38,502.00
Wigan	£82,593.50
Wirral	£114,129.50
Barnsley	£35,290.00
Bradford	£183,958.50
Calderdale	£52,559.50
Doncaster	£89,351.50
East Riding of Yorkshire	£51,808.50
Kingston Upon Hull, City of	£118,634.50
Kirklees	£94,607.50

Leeds	£217,747.00
North East Lincolnshire	£71,331.00
North Lincolnshire	£38,293.50
North Yorkshire	£77,337.50
Rotherham	£78,839.50
Sheffield	£117,883.50
Wakefield	£75,836.00
York	£33,788.50
Derby	£84,095.50
Derbyshire	£146,416.00
Leicester	£85,597.00
Leicestershire	£122,389.00
Lincolnshire	£112,627.50
North Northamptonshire	£70,580.00
West Northamptonshire	£114,880.50
Nottingham	£123,139.50
Nottinghamshire	£191,467.00
Rutland	£8,259.50
Birmingham	£310,101.50
Coventry	£119,385.50
Dudley	£93,105.50
Herefordshire	£51,058.00
Sandwell	£97,610.50
Shropshire	£69,078.50
Solihull	£86,348.00
Staffordshire	£198,224.50
Stoke-on-Trent	£105,870.00
Telford and Wrekin	£50,307.00
Walsall	£87,099.00
Warwickshire	£159,931.50
Wolverhampton	£86,348.00
Worcestershire	£133,651.50
Bedford	£48,805.50
Central Bedfordshire	£60,819.00
Cambridgeshire	£135,153.00
Essex	£253,037.00
Hertfordshire	£226,006.00
Luton	£82,593.50
Norfolk	£196,723.00
Peterborough	£66,075.00
Southend-on-Sea	£58,566.50
Suffolk	£190,716.00
Thurrock	£57,815.50
Camden	£66,826.00
City of London	£12,013.50
Hackney	£108,122.50

Hammersmith and Fulham	£69,078.50
Haringey	£96,109.00
Islington	£114,880.50
Kensington and Chelsea	£41,297.00
Lambeth	£111,126.00
Lewisham	£114,129.50
Newham	£114,129.50
Southwark	£118,634.50
Tower Hamlets	£86,348.00
Wandsworth	£69,078.50
Westminster	£73,583.50
Barking and Dagenham	£86,348.00
Barnet	£93,105.50
Bexley	£61,570.00
Brent	£96,860.00
Bromley	£76,587.00
Croydon	£202,730.00
Ealing	£87,099.00
Enfield	£84,846.00
Greenwich	£96,860.00
Harrow	£43,549.50
Havering	£61,570.00
Hillingdon	£129,897.50
Hounslow	£95,358.00
Kingston upon Thames	£39,795.00
Merton	£42,047.50
Redbridge	£69,078.50
Richmond upon Thames	£42,047.50
Sutton	£56,314.00
Waltham Forest	£80,341.00
Bracknell Forest	£30,785.00
Brighton and Hove	£81,843.00
Buckinghamshire	£101,365.00
East Sussex	£108,873.50
Hampshire	£283,071.00
Isle of Wight	£38,293.50
Kent	£486,551.50
Medway	£69,829.00
Milton Keynes	£72,081.50
Oxfordshire	£149,419.50
Portsmouth	£93,856.50
Reading	£52,559.50
Slough	£44,300.00
Southampton	£76,587.00
Surrey	£227,508.00
West Berkshire	£37,542.50
West Sussex	£189,214.50
Windsor and Maidenhead	£27,781.50

Wokingham	£27,030.50
Bath and North East Somerset	£32,286.50
Bristol, City of	£118,634.50
Cornwall	£89,351.50
Devon	£141,160.00
Dorset	£83,344.50
Gloucestershire	£149,419.50
Isles of Scilly	£0.00
North Somerset	£50,307.00
Plymouth	£78,088.50
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	£115,631.00
Somerset	£102,116.00
South Gloucestershire	£53,310.50
Swindon	£56,314.00
Torbay	£48,805.50
Wiltshire	£87,099.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£14,550,000</b>