

Department for Education
20 Great Smith Street
London SW1P 3BT

24 November 2023

Dear Colleague,

**Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for the Delivering Better Value in SEND (2023-2024)
[No: 31/6953]**

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 Officer for this grant, Katherine Cowell, will require your Section 151 Officer/Chief Finance Officer to confirm at the end of each financial year (FY) for the period of the grant that the funding has been properly expended.

Purpose of this grant

Grant recipients have been successful in the Delivering Better Value in SEND grant application, demonstrating through their application and the supporting plan that solutions can be found and implemented which assist the sustainable delivery of effective support to children and young people with SEND.

The Department for Education expects recipients to use the funding provided to implement the action plans submitted and approved by the DBV Programme Board and deliver activity outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the LA and the Department. These plans should help participating local authorities deliver effective and sustainable services to children and young people with SEND.

Grant Terms

Funds for each FY will be made available in the form of a non-ringfenced grant, contingent on the terms set out in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the programme. Each local authority's Director of Children's Services will receive the MoU by email from DBV.PROGRAMMESUPPORT@education.gov.uk and this should be read by the authority's Section 151 Officer/Chief Finance Officer, who must agree to the terms of the MoU as per the instructions in the email. The terms in the MoU include:

- I. the Recipient must agree to the terms of the MoU before receipt of the first payment.

- II. the Recipient must submit, of sufficient quality for DfE approval, a quarterly progress report showing delivery on track before each subsequent payment.
- III. the Recipient must attend quarterly check-in meetings with DfE officials as required.
- IV. the Recipient must complete a Statement of Grant Usage at the end of each financial year, by the required deadlines.

Payment arrangements

Payment will be made in instalments as set out in Annex A. Future payments are subject to the timely completion of delivery plans. Where delivery is off-track, the Department for Education has the right to withhold/delay payments until delivery is back on track.

Arrangements for keeping in touch with the Department for Education

The progress of core activities and projects undertaken through the funding will be regularly discussed with the department to ensure achievements, challenges to delivery and next steps are shared throughout the funding period. The Department will also ask the LA to provide a quarterly update on the delivery of the action plan.

The Department for Education would encourage LAs to take part in the support available through Phase 2 of the Programme, to allow for sharing of effective practice between LAs and with DfE. This includes reporting of metrics to DfE and peer group support forums.

For all enquiries about the Delivering Better Value grant please contact:

DBV.ProgrammeSupport@education.gov.uk

Yours Sincerely



Katherine Cowell

REVENUE grant determination (non-ringfenced)

DELIVERING BETTER VALUE IN SEND PROGRAMME GRANT DETERMINATION [No: 31/6953]

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 Delivering Better Value in SEND Programme Determination (2023-24 and 2024-25)

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 Delivering Better Value in SEND Programme.

Determination

- 3) The Secretary of State determines the authorities to which the 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 instalments, the first upon acceptance of the MoU and the remainder subject to timely completion of delivery plans.

HM Treasury consent

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

UK Government Branding

- 6) The Grant Recipient shall at all times during and following the end of the Funding Period:
 - a. comply with requirements of the Branding Manual in relation to the Funded Activities;
 - b. cease use of the Funded by UK Government logo on demand if directed to do so by the Authority;
 - c. adhere to the UK Government Branding Policy Guidance available at [2022-06-01-UKG-Branding-Grants-Policy-Guidance-v1.0.pdf](https://gcs.civilservice.gov.uk/2022-06-01-UKG-Branding-Grants-Policy-Guidance-v1.0.pdf) (civilservice.gov.uk)
- 7) **Branding Manual** means the HM Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Branding Manual Funded by UK Government first published by the Cabinet Office in November 2022, and is available at <https://gcs.civilservice.gov.uk/guidance/marketing/branding-guidelines/>, including any subsequent updates from time to time.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education

Katherine Cowell

Regional Director, North East and Programme SRO

28 November 2023

Annex A – Grant payments by local authority

Tranche 1 Authorities	FY 2023-24 May (Paid)	FY 2024-25 (provisional) April	FY 2024-25 (provisional)September	Total FY 23-24	Total FY 24-25	Total
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council	£1,000,000			£1,000,000	£ -	£1,000,000
Bracknell Forest Council	£542,000	£229,000	£229,000	£542,000	£458,000	£1,000,000
Brent London Borough Council	£761,115	£119,443	£119,442	£761,115	£238,885	£1,000,000
Bristol City Council	£1,000,000			£1,000,000	£ -	£1,000,000
Cheshire East Council	£592,500	£203,750	£203,750	£592,500	£407,500	£1,000,000
Cumberland Council	£520,438	£239,781	£239,781	£520,438	£479,562	£1,000,000
City of Doncaster Council	£654,000	£173,000	£173,000	£654,000	£346,000	£1,000,000
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,000,000			£1,000,000	£ -	£1,000,000
Hampshire County Council	£1,000,000			£1,000,000	£ -	£1,000,000
Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Council	£188,000	£406,000	£406,000	£188,000	£812,000	£1,000,000
Leicestershire County Council	£1,000,000			£1,000,000	£ -	£1,000,000
North East Lincolnshire Council	£387,940	£306,030	£306,030	£387,940	£612,060	£1,000,000
Oxfordshire County Council	£1,000,000			£1,000,000	£ -	£1,000,000
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	£536,000	£232,000	£232,000	£536,000	£464,000	£1,000,000
Somerset County Council	£1,000,000			£1,000,000	£ -	£1,000,000
South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council	£675,000	£162,500	£162,500	£675,000	£325,000	£1,000,000
Southampton City Council	£520,000	£240,000	£240,000	£520,000	£480,000	£1,000,000
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council	£662,500	£168,750	£168,750	£662,500	£337,500	£1,000,000
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	£263,000	£368,500	£368,500	£263,000	£737,000	£1,000,000
Suffolk County Council	£344,033	£327,984	£327,983	£344,033	£655,967	£1,000,000
Westmoreland and Furness Council	£520,438	£239,781	£239,781	£520,438	£479,562	£1,000,000
Total Tranche 1	£14,166,964	£3,416,519	£3,416,517	£14,166,964	£6,833,036	£21,000,000

Tranche 2 Authorities	FY 2023-24 December	FY 2023-24 March	FY 2023-24 April	FY 2024-25 (provisional) June	FY 2024-25 (provisional) September	FY 2024-25 (provisional) December	Total FY 23-24	Total FY 24-25	Total
Central Bedfordshire Council	£392,607	£242,607	£205,107	£80,302	£72,500	£6,879	£635,213	£364,787	£1,000,000
Cornwall Council	£217,645	£217,645	£141,178	£141,178	£141,178	£141,178	£435,290	£564,710	£1,000,000
Durham County Council	£200,000	£196,573	£253,427	£250,000	£100,000	£ -	£396,573	£603,427	£1,000,000
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	£255,554	£90,555	£189,722	£154,723	£154,723	£154,723	£346,109	£653,891	£1,000,000
Enfield London Borough Council	£140,917	£159,966	£179,718	£179,717	£179,717	£159,965	£300,883	£699,117	£1,000,000
Gloucestershire County Council	£37,678	£287,677	£168,662	£168,661	£168,661	£168,661	£325,355	£674,645	£1,000,000
Hackney London Borough Council	£191,000	£191,000	£155,000	£155,000	£155,000	£153,000	£382,000	£618,000	£1,000,000
Havering London Borough Council	£166,667	£166,667	£166,667	£166,667	£166,667	£166,667	£333,333	£666,667	£1,000,000
Hull City Council	£209,700	£65,300	£299,100	£323,100	£51,600	£51,200	£275,000	£725,000	£1,000,000
Middlesbrough Council	£188,990	£228,610	£162,730	£114,990	£109,040	£195,640	£417,600	£582,400	£1,000,000
Newham London Borough Council	£299,970	£99,970	£149,970	£149,970	£149,970	£150,150	£399,940	£600,060	£1,000,000
Oldham Council	£ -	£250,000	£250,000	£250,000	£250,000	£ -	£250,000	£750,000	£1,000,000
Reading Borough Council	£70,000	£186,683	£185,317	£186,000	£186,000	£186,000	£256,683	£743,317	£1,000,000
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council	£94,833	£166,466	£187,797	£195,264	£187,514	£168,126	£261,299	£738,701	£1,000,000
Rochdale Borough Council	£146,600	£229,600	£155,800	£155,800	£212,600	£99,600	£376,200	£623,800	£1,000,000
Rutland County Council	£190,000	£191,000	£154,750	£154,750	£154,750	£154,750	£381,000	£619,000	£1,000,000
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council	£178,725	£186,761	£152,602	£160,638	£160,638	£160,638	£365,486	£634,514	£1,000,000
Swindon Borough Council	£555,662	£299,943	£45,325	£43,132	£37,715	£18,223	£855,605	£144,395	£1,000,000
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	£15,000	£158,000	£106,000	£187,000	£307,000	£227,000	£173,000	£827,000	£1,000,000
West Sussex County Council	£258,000	£259,000	£121,000	£121,000	£121,000	£120,000	£517,000	£483,000	£1,000,000
Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Council	£190,000	£125,000	£176,250	£166,250	£176,250	£166,250	£315,000	£685,000	£1,000,000
Worcestershire County Council	£200,000	£200,000	£150,000	£150,000	£150,000	£150,000	£400,000	£600,000	£1,000,000
Total Tranche 2	£4,199,547	£4,199,022	£3,756,120	£3,654,140	£3,392,522	£2,798,649	£8,398,569	£13,601,431	£22,000,000