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To all Safeguarding Partners

Dear colleagues

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Strengthening Multi-Agency Leadership for reform: Supporting the Implementation of Working Together and the Children's Social Care National Framework

No 31/6929.

This Determination is made between:

(1) The Secretary of State for Education

And

(2) The local authorities listed at Annex A

Purpose of the grant

On 15 December 2023, the Department for Education issued the 2023 revision of statutory guidance, Working Together to Safeguard Children (Working Together) and the new statutory guidance, the Children's Social Care National Framework (National Framework).

Working Together and the National Framework set direction for the system, and describe the practice that is needed for children, young people and families to thrive. Effective working within local areas' multi-agency safeguarding arrangements is at the heart of both documents is at the heart of both documents.

The revised Working Together seeks to clarify the roles and responsibilities of safeguarding partners, setting out clearly their roles as strategic leaders who are jointly accountable for ensuring children and families in their area are supported by strong, well-resourced multi-agency safeguarding arrangements. The new National Framework sets out the purpose of children's social care, principles for practice and the outcomes that should be achieved. It includes expectations for practice for local authority senior leaders, practice supervisors and practitioners.

All local areas are expected to consider and begin to apply guidance when guidance is published. In Stable Homes, Built on Love we stated local authorities will have an implementation period of one year following the publication of the National Framework to consider the level of change needed to meet its expectations and outcomes.

We are asking every local area to review current practice, identify what needs to change and drive forward improvement, considering Working Together and the National Framework. Statutory guidance must be embedded in local systems if it is to have an impact.

We are providing all **137 multi-agency safeguarding arrangements** with grant funding to support areas to transform local systems, and deliver the reforms set out in Chapter 2 of Working Together and embed the practice described in the National Framework. In addition, we have published advice, [Improving practice with children, young people and families](#), which offers information and support on how local areas can start to plan for changes to their local approach to practice.

Each multi-agency safeguarding arrangement will receive a payment **in January 2024** to support them to move towards their new ways of working. Annex A provides details of payments being made to all local authorities. Where there is more than one local authority within the MASA structure, we have engaged in consultations and will allocate the money to one specific LA, this is outlined in Annex A. DfE expects this one-off payment be used in the financial year 2023/24.

Funding will be allocated via the lead local authority within the multi-agency safeguarding arrangement as the preferred mechanism through which the Department for Education provides grants. Funding is to be used for the purposes of strengthening the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements and therefore should benefit, and be agreed, by all three statutory safeguarding partners.

Each local authority/multi-agency safeguarding arrangement will have a named DfE Grant Manager who will be their route to raise questions or share concerns. All multi-agency safeguarding arrangements will be expected to submit an 'Annex G' form in March 2024, setting out funding has been used, alongside the submission of the yearly report in September 2024 and republication of published arrangements in December 2024 as set out in Working Together guidance.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Goff (Deputy Director)

For and on behalf of Department of Education

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Signed by person authorised to sign on behalf of the Secretary of State for Education:	
Signature:	Sarah Goff
Name:	Sarah Goff
Role:	Deputy Director (Acting)
Date:	12.12.2023

Strengthening Multi-Agency Leadership for CSC Reform: Supporting the Implementation of Working Together and National Framework GRANT DETERMINATION 2023: No 31/6929.

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 Strengthening Multi-Agency Leadership for CSC Reform: Supporting the Implementation of Working Together and National Framework Determination 2023 [No31/6929].

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 Secretary of State for Education 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) The Grant will be paid in one instalment in January 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.

UK Government Branding

5) The Grant Recipient shall at all times during and following the end of the Funding Period:

5.1 comply with requirements of the Branding Manual in relation to the Funded Activities; and

5.2 cease use of the Funded by UK Government logo on demand if directed to do so by the Authority.

6) **Branding Manual** means the HM Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 'Funded by UK Government branding manual' 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 Minister of State for Education.

Sarah Goff, Department for Education.

12.12.2023

13. Brighton & Hove	£47,300
14. Bristol	£47,300
15. Bromley	£47,300
16. Buckinghamshire	£47,300
17. Bury	£47,300
18. Calderdale	£47,300
19. Peterborough on behalf of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Partnership	£47,300
20. Camden	£47,300
21. Central Bedfordshire	£47,300
22. Cheshire East	£47,300
23. Cheshire West and Chester	£47,300
24. City & Hackney	£47,300
25. Cornwall on behalf of Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Partnership	£47,300
26. Coventry	£47,300
27. Croydon	£47,300
28. Cumberland Council on Behalf of Cumbria Partnership	£47,300
29. Darlington	£47,300
30. Derby City Council on behalf of Derby & Derbyshire Partnership	£47,300
31. Devon	£47,300
32. Doncaster	£47,300
33. Dudley	£47,300

34. Durham	£47,300
35. Ealing	£47,300
36. East Riding of Yorkshire	£47,300
37. East Sussex	£47,300
38. Enfield	£47,300
39. Essex	£47,300
40. Gateshead	£47,300
41. Gloucestershire	£47,300
42. Greenwich	£47,300
43. Halton	£47,300
44. Hammersmith & Fulham	£47,300
45. Hampshire	£47,300
46. Haringey	£47,300
47. Harrow	£47,300
48. Hartlepool on behalf of Hartlepool & Stockton-on-Tees Partnership	£47,300
49. Havering	£47,300
50. Herefordshire	£47,300
51. Hertfordshire	£47,300
52. Hillingdon	£47,300
53. Hounslow	£47,300
54. Hull	£47,300
55. Isle of Wight	£47,300
56. Islington	£47,300

57. Kensington & Chelsea on behalf of Kensington & Chelsea/ Westminster Partnership	£47,300
58. Kent	£47,300
59. Kingston & Richmond	£47,300
60. Kirklees	£47,300
61. Knowsley	£47,300
62. Lambeth	£47,300
63. Blackpool on behalf of Lancashire/ Blackburn/ Blackpool Partnership	£47,300
64. Leeds	£47,300
65. Leicester City	£47,300
66. Leicestershire on behalf of Leicestershire & Rutland Partnership.	£47,300
67. Lewisham	£47,300
68. Lincolnshire	£47,300
69. Liverpool	£47,300
70. Luton	£47,300
71. Manchester	£47,300
72. Medway	£47,300
73. Merton	£47,300
74. Milton Keynes	£47,300
75. Newcastle-upon-Tyne	£47,300
76. Newham	£47,300
77. Norfolk	£47,300
78. North East Lincolnshire	£47,300

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80. North Somerset	£47,300
81. North Tyneside	£47,300
82. North Yorkshire	£47,300
83. Northamptonshire	£47,300
84. Northumberland	£47,300
85. Nottingham City	£47,300
86. Nottinghamshire	£47,300
87. Oldham	£47,300
88. Oxfordshire	£47,300
89. Dorset on behalf of Pan-Dorset Strategic Partnership (Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole & Dorset)	£47,300
90. Plymouth	£47,300
91. Portsmouth	£47,300
92. Redbridge	£47,300
93. Rochdale	£47,300
94. Rotherham	£47,300
95. Salford	£47,300
96. Sandwell	£47,300
97. Sefton	£47,300
98. Sheffield	£47,300
99. Shropshire	£47,300
100. Slough	£47,300

101.	Solihull	£47,300
102.	Somerset	£47,300
103.	South Gloucestershire	£47,300
104.	Middlesbrough on behalf of South Tees (Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland) Partnership	£47,300
105.	South Tyneside	£47,300
106.	Southampton	£47,300
107.	Southend-on-Sea	£47,300
108.	Southwark	£47,300
109.	St Helens	£47,300
110.	Staffordshire	£47,300
111.	Stockport	£47,300
112.	Stoke-on-Trent	£47,300
113.	Suffolk	£47,300
114.	Sunderland	£47,300
115.	Surrey	£47,300
116.	Sutton	£47,300
117.	Swindon	£47,300
118.	Tameside	£47,300
119.	Telford	£47,300
120.	Thurrock	£47,300
121.	Torbay	£47,300
122.	Tower Hamlets	£47,300

123.	Trafford	£47,300
124.	Wakefield	£47,300
125.	Walsall	£47,300
126.	Waltham Forest	£47,300
127.	Wandsworth	£47,300
128.	Warrington	£47,300
129.	Warwickshire	£47,300
130.	West Sussex	£47,300
131.	Wigan	£47,300
132.	Wiltshire	£47,300
133.	Windsor & Maidenhead	£47,300
134.	Wirral	£47,300
135.	Wolverhampton	£47,300
136.	Worcestershire	£47,300
137.	York	£47,300
Total		£6,480,100