

To all local authorities in England

March 2024

To Whom It May Concern

Our ref: 31/7114

**Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Children's Social Care Strengthening Families Protecting Children Grant GR1000768.**

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**

The purpose of this grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them.

This grant is intended to support the projects these local authorities have requested to undertake, relating to the Strengthening Families Protecting Children programme. They may, however, choose how to spend the money in order to best meet local need.

The Strengthening Families Protecting Children programme will support up to 17 local authorities to improve work with families and safely reduce the number of children entering care. The programme will support selected local authorities to adapt and adopt one of three children's social care innovation programme projects in their own area; Leeds Family Valued, Hertfordshire Family Safeguarding or North Yorkshire's No Wrong Door.

These projects aim to improve the safety and stability of vulnerable children and to reduce the need for families to access services. They will do this by:

- strengthening local practice systems
- developing services that build resilience in families
- facilitating a confident social work ethos that manages risk safely within the home

DfE will be working with the Foundations for children's social care on evaluating the impact of this programme.

Annex A provides details of payments being made to local authorities involved in the programme where funding was agreed by 06 February 2024.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Shazia Hussain

Director

Department for Education

## **Strengthening Families Protecting Children programme GRANT DETERMINATION [2023-24]:**

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 Families Protecting Children programme Grant Determination [2023-24].

### **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 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.

### **Treasury consent**

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

### **Payment arrangements**

5) The total grant to be paid to each authority is set out at Annex A. The grant will be paid in December and will be for the sum attributed to a proportion of the fixed costs to Strengthening Families local authorities in the 2023-24 financial year.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Shazia Hussain,  
Director  
Department for Education

<b>Strengthening Families Local Authority</b>	<b>March 2024</b>	<b>DfE Ref</b>
Leeds City Council	£885,316	con_19723
Telford and Wrekin Council	£144,223	con_19721
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	£392,000	con_19877
Wandsworth Borough Council	£226,000	con_19722
Sefton Council	£725,000	con_19878
Swindon Borough Council	£341,594	con_19718

## **Annex A**