

Staying Close Local Authority Providers

22 March 2023

To whom it may concern,

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Staying Close Children's Social Care (Annex A) [31/6594]

This Determination is made between:

- (1) **The Secretary of State for Education** and
- (2) Local Authorities listed in Annex B

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 Staying Close programme, to improve outcomes for young people leaving children's residential care homes.

Staying Close is programme that aims to radically improve outcomes for young people transitioning from residential care. It intends to address the 'cliff edge' faced by young people leaving residential care by improving and extending the support provided by care leaver's former residential units during the transition to independent adulthood.

There are two core elements to Staying Close: (1) An accommodation offer that aims to provide suitable accommodation close to the young person's previous children's home. (2) A support offer that focuses on maintaining relationships with staff at the young person's previous children's home, thereby providing continuity in support during the transition to independent adulthood.

The aims vary slightly from programme to programme but the key desired outcomes across all projects are:

- Improve access to education, training and employment (EET)
- Increase suitable and sustainable accommodation

- Decrease risk of homelessness
- Increase consistency of support workers for care leavers
- Decreased levels of offending and risk
- Improve emotional and mental wellbeing by building lifelong support networks

A total of **£7,056,955** grant funding will be allocated to 20 local authorities already involved in the Staying Close programme in 2023-24. Annex B includes the total amount of funding awarded to each local authority for 2023-24.

Funding these 20 local authorities in 2024-25 has also been provisionally approved by the department and is subject to final budgets being confirmed by way of a separate determination letter next year. Annex B also includes the indicative amount of funding awarded to each local authority for 2024-25, subject to final budgets being confirmed.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education.

Yours faithfully,

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Kate Cornish and May El Komy
Deputy Directors, Outcomes, Care Leavers and Capital
For and on behalf of Department for Education

S31 Grant Determination Letter for Staying Close Children’s Social Care (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: 31/6594.

Citation

1) This determination may be cited (as listed in Annex B) Determination [2023 to 2024].

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 B.

Payment of Grant

4) Payment will be made in two instalments, on or before 1 May and 1 November.

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

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Kate Cornish and May El Komy
Deputy Directors, Outcomes, Care Leavers and Capital
For and on behalf of Department for Education

Annex B

Local authority	Payment 1 May 2023	Payment 2 November 2023	Total for 2023- 24	Indicative amount for 2024-25
Portsmouth	£138,042.00	£138,042.00	£276,084.00	£280,136.00
North Tyneside	£142,596.50	£142,596.50	£285,193.00	£285,193.00
North East Lincs	£145,038.00	£145,038.00	£290,076.00	£290,076.00
Suffolk	£171,437.50	£171,437.50	£342,875.00	£342,875.00
Bristol	£166,293.00	£166,293.00	£332,586.00	£332,586.00
Wiltshire	£173,127.00	£173,127.00	£346,254.00	£371,606.00
Wakefield	£104,152.50	£104,152.50	£208,305.00	£221,194.00
Sheffield	£283,125.00	£283,125.00	£566,250.00	£783,905.00
Newcastle Upon Tyne	£279,680.50	£279,680.50	£559,361.00	£654,782.00
Tameside	£227,117.50	£227,117.50	£454,235.00	£470,133.00
Manchester	£235,627.50	£235,627.50	£471,255.00	£490,107.00
Stockport	£378,576.00	£378,576.00	£757,152.00	£772,875.00
Gateshead	£89,944.00	£89,944.00	£179,888.00	£230,361.00
Hull City Council	£106,150.50	£106,150.50	£212,301.00	£215,901.00
Somerset	£259,698.00	£259,698.00	£519,396.00	£519,396.00
Southampton	£155,041.50	£155,041.50	£310,083.00	£310,083.00
South Tyneside	£99,454.50	£99,454.50	£198,909.00	£193,909.00
Dorset	£131,299.00	£131,299.00	£262,598.00	£244,172.00
Coventry	£168,201.50	£168,201.50	£336,403.00	£350,117.00
Durham	£73,875.50	£73,875.50	£147,751.00	£180,841.00
Total	£3,528,477.50	£3,528,477.50	£7,056,955.00	£7,540,248.00