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To all local authorities in England

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for the Implementation of Supported Accommodation Reforms 2024-25 [31/7233].

This Determination is made between:

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

Purpose of the Grant

In 2023, the Government introduced new requirements for providers of supported accommodation for looked after children and care leavers aged 16 and 17. Providers are required to register and be inspected by Ofsted against new national quality standards and associated administrative requirements. Ofsted began registering providers from 28 April 2023, and registration became mandatory from 28 October 2023.

The changes were implemented by The Supported Accommodation (England) Regulations 2023, which introduced 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 have no longer been 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 are 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 payments to be made in FY 24-25. 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 2021 to 2023.

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 2021 to 2023, 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 2021 to 2023.

Signed by authority of the Minister of State for Education

Yours faithfully,

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Sarah Jennings, Deputy Director, Looked After Children Placements, Children's Social Care

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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 the Implementation of Supported Accommodation Reforms (2024-25). 31/7233.

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 two instalments, made in 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.

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Sarah Jennings, Deputy Director, Looked After Children Placements,
Childrens Social Care

ANNEX A – Local Authority Allocations

Local Authority	2024-25 Grant Total
Barking and Dagenham	£527,184
Barnet	£582,676
Barnsley	£282,090
Bath and North East Somerset	£249,718
Bedford Borough	£337,582
Bexley	£351,456
Birmingham	£2,067,116
Blackburn with Darwen	£328,334
Blackpool	£448,568
Bolton	£490,188
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	£712,160
Bracknell Forest	£217,348
Bradford	£1,234,720
Brent	£568,804
Brighton and Hove	£517,934
Bristol	£892,512
Bromley	£453,194
Buckinghamshire	£693,662
Bury	£337,582
Calderdale	£351,456
Cambridgeshire	£809,274
Camden	£374,578
Central Bedfordshire	£411,574
Cheshire East	£619,672
Cheshire West and Chester	£559,554
City Of London	£50,868
Cornwall	£536,432
County Durham	£758,404
Coventry	£781,526
Croydon	£1,026,620
Cumberland	£504,062
Darlington	£180,352
Derby	£554,930
Derbyshire	£1,040,494
Devon	£934,132
Doncaster	£628,920
Dorset	£527,184
Dudley	£545,682
Ealing	£559,554
East Riding of Yorkshire	£365,330
East Sussex	£744,532

Enfield	£513,310
Essex	£1,627,796
Gateshead	£379,202
Gloucestershire	£994,250
Greenwich	£573,428
Hackney	£619,672
Halton	£314,460
Hammersmith and Fulham	£388,452
Hampshire	£1,965,378
Haringey	£578,052
Harrow	£295,962
Hartlepool	£240,470
Havering	£393,076
Herefordshire	£356,080
Hertfordshire	£1,479,814
Hillingdon	£809,274
Hounslow	£675,166
Isle Of Wight	£272,840
Isles Of Scilly	£0
Islington	£656,668
Kensington and Chelsea	£254,344
Kent	£3,070,614
Kingston Upon Hull	£758,404
Kingston Upon Thames	£231,220
Kirklees	£610,424
Knowsley	£300,588
Lambeth	£689,038
Lancashire	£1,812,772
Leeds	£1,405,824
Leicester	£568,804
Leicestershire	£813,898
Lewisham	£652,044
Lincolnshire	£763,030
Liverpool	£1,359,580
Luton	£545,682
Manchester	£1,743,406
Medway Towns	£443,944
Merton	£249,718
Middlesbrough	£467,066
Milton Keynes	£448,568
Newcastle Upon Tyne	£573,428
Newham	£679,790
Norfolk	£1,350,330
North East Lincolnshire	£439,320
North Lincolnshire	£249,718
North Northamptonshire	£541,058
North Somerset	£300,588
North Tyneside	£369,954

North Yorkshire	£485,564
Northumberland	£406,948
Nottingham	£846,268
Nottinghamshire	£1,294,838
Oldham	£508,686
Oxfordshire	£989,626
Peterborough	£448,568
Plymouth	£499,438
Portsmouth	£490,188
Reading	£332,958
Redbridge	£443,944
Redcar and Cleveland	£369,954
Richmond Upon Thames	£272,840
Rochdale	£527,184
Rotherham	£554,930
Rutland	£50,868
Salford	£522,560
Sandwell	£610,424
Sefton	£443,944
Sheffield	£790,776
Shropshire	£485,564
Slough	£351,456
Solihull	£550,306
Somerset	£656,668
South Gloucestershire	£411,574
South Tyneside	£268,216
Southampton	£531,808
Southend-on-Sea	£365,330
Southwark	£758,404
St Helens	£402,324
Staffordshire	£1,322,584
Stockport	£443,944
Stockton-On-Tees	£499,438
Stoke-On-Trent	£702,912
Suffolk	£1,225,470
Sunderland	£480,940
Surrey	£1,410,448
Sutton	£360,704
Swindon	£388,452
Tameside	£656,668
Telford and Wrekin	£319,084
Thurrock	£406,948
Torbay	£309,836
Tower Hamlets	£559,554
Trafford	£365,330
Wakefield	£494,812
Walsall	£587,302
Waltham Forest	£568,804

Wandsworth	£397,700
Warrington	£388,452
Warwickshire	£1,049,744
West Berkshire	£240,470
West Northamptonshire	£837,020
West Sussex	£1,188,476
Westminster	£420,822
Westmorland and Furness	£272,840
Wigan	£601,174
Wiltshire	£531,808
Windsor and Maidenhead	£208,098
Wirral	£726,034
Wokingham	£184,976
Wolverhampton	£545,682
Worcestershire	£948,006
York	£198,850