

Staying Close Local Authority Providers

17 January 2024

To whom it may concern,

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Staying Close Children's Social Care (Annex A) [31/7191]

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. They may, however, choose how to spend the money in order to best meet local need.

Staying Close is a programme that aims to radically improve outcomes for young people transitioning from a variety of settings, including but not limited to, residential care. It intends to address the 'cliff edge' faced by care leavers by providing care leavers with an offer of move-on accommodation, alongside a package of practical and emotional support, provided by a member of staff from their former children's home or from someone they know and trust. These bespoke packages of support help develop their confidence and skills for independent living, and for their emotional health and wellbeing.

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 workers

- Decreased levels of offending and risk
- Improve emotional and mental wellbeing by building lifelong support networks.

A total of **£22,064,237** grant funding will be allocated to 47 local authorities already involved in the Staying Close programme in 2024-25. Annex B includes the total amount of funding awarded to each local authority for 2024-25.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education.

Yours faithfully,

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Kate Cornish and May El Komy
Deputy Directors, Children's Social Care
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: [31/7191]

Citation

1) This determination may be cited (as listed in Annex B) Determination [2024 to 2025].

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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Annex B

| Local Authority | FY 24/25 budget | Payment 1 | Payment 2 |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Portsmouth | £280,136 | £140,068 | £140,068 |
| North Tyneside | £285,193 | £142,596.5 | £142,596.5 |
| North East Lincs | £290,076 | £145,038 | £145,038 |
| Suffolk | £342,875 | £171,437.5 | £171,437.5 |
| Bristol | £332,586 | £166,293 | £166,293 |
| Wiltshire | £371,606 | £185,803 | £185,803 |
| Wakefield | £221,194 | £110,597 | £110,597 |
| Sheffield | £783,905 | £391,952.5 | £391,952.5 |
| Newcastle Upon Tyne | £654,782 | £327,391 | £327,391 |
| Tameside | £470,133 | £235,066.5 | £235,066.5 |
| Manchester | £490,107 | £245,053.5 | £245,053.5 |
| Stockport | £772,875 | £386,437.5 | £386,437.5 |
| Gateshead | £230,361 | £115,180.5 | £115,180.5 |
| Hull City Council | £215,901 | £107,950.5 | £107,950.5 |
| Somerset | £519,396 | £259,698 | £259,698 |
| Southampton | £310,083 | £155,041.5 | £155,041.5 |
| South Tyneside | £193,909 | £96,954.5 | £96,954.5 |
| Dorset | £244,172 | £122,086 | £122,086 |
| Coventry | £350,117 | £175,058.5 | £175,058.5 |
| Durham | £180,841 | £90,420.5 | £90,420.5 |
| Croydon | £541,000 | £270,500 | £270,500 |
| Derby | £137,751 | £68,875.5 | £68,875.5 |
| Leeds | £1,248,079.3 | £624,039.65 | £624,039.65 |
| Lincolnshire | £702,079 | £351,039.5 | £351,039.5 |
| Northamptonshire | £286,110 | £143,055 | £143,055 |
| Cheshire East | £602,060 | £301,030 | £301,030 |
| Darlington | £232,962 | £116,481 | £116,481 |
| Derbyshire | £396,312 | £198,156 | £198,156 |
| Enfield | £150,010 | £75,005 | £75,005 |
| Essex | £946,629 | £473,314.5 | £473,314.5 |
| Knowsley | £112,942 | £56,471 | £56,471 |
| Nottinghamshire | £325,719 | £162,859.5 | £162,859.5 |
| Bedfordshire | £292,907.5 | £146,453.75 | £146,453.75 |
| Bolton | £496,834 | £248,417 | £248,417 |
| Devon | £764,737 | £382,368.5 | £382,368.5 |
| Doncaster | £500,000 | £250,000 | £250,000 |
| Gloucestershire | £754,676 | £377,338 | £377,338 |
| Hartlepool | £604,936 | £302,468 | £302,468 |
| Hertfordshire | £638,791 | £319,395.5 | £319,395.5 |
| Hillingdon | £960,000 | £480,000 | £480,000 |
| Leicester | £303,399 | £151,699.5 | £151,699.5 |
| Redcar and Cleveland | £677,242 | £338,621 | £338,621 |
| St Helens | £735,619 | £367,809.5 | £367,809.5 |
| Wirral | £581,827 | £290,913.5 | £290,913.5 |
| Wokingham | £183,504 | £91,752 | £91,752 |
| Wolverhampton | £1,065,363 | £532,681.5 | £532,681.5 |
| York | £282,500 | £141,250 | £141,250 |