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To all local authorities in England

Dear colleagues

**Sec 31 Extension of the Role of Virtual School Heads to Certain Previously Looked after Children Implementation Grant Determination Letter 2024-25 [No. 31/7286]**

This determination is made between:

- 1. The Parliamentary under Secretary of State For Children and Families, and**
- 2. The local authorities listed at Annex A**

**Purpose of the grant**

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 amended the Children Act 1989 to introduce a new duty on local authorities to promote the education of certain previously looked-after children, including appointing an officer (commonly known as a Virtual School Head) to discharge this duty through the provision of information and advice to relevant parties supporting the education of those children. This duty came into force on 1 September 2018.

The purpose of this grant is to provide support to local authorities in England, to help them meet their duty to appoint a Virtual School Head for previously looked-after children and make information and advice available to the following parties for the purposes of promoting the education of eligible previously looked-after children:

- any person that has parental responsibility for the child;
- providers of funded early years education, designated teachers for previously looked-after children in maintained schools and academies; and
- any other person the authority considers appropriate for promoting the educational achievement of relevant children.

Local authorities can spend this grant to support costs associated meeting this duty. In doing so, they must take account of the statutory guidance [Promoting the education of looked-after and previously looked-after children](#) published on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018, to help them implement this new duty.

Annex A attached includes the amount of funding awarded to each local authority for the 2024-25 financial year.

Signed by authority of the parliamentary under Secretary of State for children and families.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and curves, positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely,'.

Kate Cornish and May El Komy  
Deputy Directors,  
Children's Social Care Department for Education

**EXTENSION OF THE ROLE OF VIRTUAL SCHOOL HEADS TO CERTAIN PREVIOUSLY LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN IMPLEMENTATION GRANT DETERMINATION 2024/25: [No. 31/7286]**

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 EXTENSION OF THE ROLE OF VIRTUAL SCHOOL HEADS TO CERTAIN PREVIOUSLY LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN IMPLEMENTATION GRANT (2024/25) [No. 31/7286]

**Purpose of the grant**

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities in England for expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them in respect implementing the role of Virtual School Head for previously looked after children.

**Determination**

3) The Secretary of State determines the authorities to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid. The authorities and the amounts are set out in Annex A.

**Payment arrangements**

4) Grant will be paid in two instalments of as near equal value as possible. The first instalment will be paid in September 2024. The remainder will be paid in January 2025.

**Treasury consent**

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education



Kate Cornish and May El Komy  
Deputy Directors, Children’s Social Care  
Department for Education

## Annex A – Local Authority Allocations

Darlington	£30,000
Durham	£78,068
Gateshead	£47,687
Hartlepool	£30,000
Middlesbrough	£30,000
Newcastle upon Tyne	£51,966
North Tyneside	£53,962
Northumberland	£69,616
Redcar and Cleveland	£45,404
South Tyneside	£44,834
Stockton-on-Tees	£49,113
Sunderland	£58,741
Blackburn with Darwen	£47,758
Blackpool	£30,000
Bolton	£50,111
Bury	£45,761
Cheshire East	£60,595
Cheshire West and Chester	£63,804
Cumberland	£39,565
Halton	£30,000
Knowsley	£30,000
Lancashire	£130,000
Liverpool	£69,652
Manchester	£65,230
Oldham	£50,397
Rochdale	£30,000
Salford	£47,544
Sefton	£52,679
St. Helens	£53,463
Stockport	£62,093
Tameside	£48,542
Trafford	£53,107
Warrington	£53,677
Wigan	£61,451
Wirral	£62,378
Barnsley	£49,256
Bradford	£66,514
Calderdale	£48,328
Doncaster	£50,397
East Riding of Yorkshire	£64,303
Kingston Upon Hull, City of	£48,186
Kirklees	£58,455
Leeds	£90,405
North East Lincolnshire	£30,000
North Lincolnshire	£30,000
North Yorkshire	£72,148
Rotherham	£52,607
Sheffield	£62,877

Wakefield	£53,998
York	£45,333
Derby	£46,902
Derbyshire	£87,481
Leicester	£30,000
Leicestershire	£94,470
Lincolnshire	£98,963
Nottingham	£48,685
Nottinghamshire	£88,765
Rutland	£30,000
Birmingham	£77,069
Coventry	£46,902
Dudley	£47,901
Herefordshire	£45,690
Sandwell	£49,398
Shropshire	£55,603
Solihull	£47,473
Staffordshire	£96,824
Stoke-on-Trent	£30,000
Telford and Wrekin	£30,000
Walsall	£46,118
Warwickshire	£82,061
Wolverhampton	£30,000
Worcestershire	£70,722
Bedford	£30,000
Central Bedfordshire	£49,327
Cambridgeshire	£68,796
Essex	£113,583
Hertfordshire	£105,881
Luton	£30,000
Norfolk	£82,560
Peterborough	£30,000
Southend-on-Sea	£45,119
Suffolk	£76,641
Thurrock	£30,000
Camden	£30,000
City of London	£20,000
Hackney	£30,000
Hammersmith and Fulham	£30,000
Haringey	£30,000
Islington	£30,000
Kensington and Chelsea	£30,000
Lambeth	£46,759
Lewisham	£47,972
Newham	£30,000
Southwark	£30,000
Tower Hamlets	£30,000
Wandsworth	£30,000
Westminster	£30,000
Barking and Dagenham	£30,000

Barnet	£30,000
Bexley	£30,000
Brent	£30,000
Bromley	£51,752
Croydon	£49,969
Ealing	£45,618
Enfield	£30,000
Greenwich	£30,000
Harrow	£30,000
Havering	£47,544
Hillingdon	£30,000
Hounslow	£30,000
Kingston upon Thames	£30,000
Merton	£30,000
Redbridge	£30,000
Richmond upon Thames	£30,000
Sutton	£30,000
Waltham Forest	£47,259
Bracknell Forest	£30,000
Brighton and Hove	£58,812
Buckinghamshire	£59,525
East Sussex	£66,586
Hampshire	£116,507
Isle of Wight	£30,000
Kent	£120,572
Medway	£30,000
Milton Keynes	£46,759
Oxfordshire	£66,229
Portsmouth	£30,000
Reading	£30,000
Slough	£30,000
Southampton	£30,000
Surrey	£97,466
West Berkshire	£30,000
West Sussex	£80,492
Windsor and Maidenhead	£30,000
Wokingham	£30,000
Bath and North East Somerset	£30,000
Bristol, City of	£61,629
Cornwall	£82,133
Devon	£95,754
Dorset	£54,640
Gloucestershire	£77,640
Isles of Scilly	£0
North Somerset	£46,617
Plymouth	£45,547
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	£53,677
Somerset	£69,509
South Gloucestershire	£49,220
Swindon	£30,000

Torbay	£30,000
Wiltshire	£60,738
West Northamptonshire	£48,087
North Northamptonshire	£40,963
Westmorland and Furness	£31,086