

Draft – Children and Families Grant Determination (2025-26): X

The Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution (“the Minister”), 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 [Children and Families (Revenue) Grant] (2025/26): x

Purpose of the Grant

2. This grant comprises of previously Department for Education grants, including:
 - a. Supporting Families (£253.5 million);
 - b. Supported Accommodation Reforms - New Burdens to LAs (£94.5 million);
 - c. Staying Put (£33.3 million);
 - d. Virtual School Heads Extension for previously looked after children (£7.6 million);
 - e. Leaving Care Allowance uplift (£13.4 million); and
 - f. Personal Advisors Extended Duty (£12.1 million).
3. This grant should be used to support the delivery of statutory duties previously funded by the above grants.
4. The £253.5 million of formerly Supporting Families funding, combined with the new Children’s Social Care Prevention grant, will enable the continuation of existing preventative services and provide direct investment in additional prevention activity, through the transition to Family Help and child protection reforms.

Determination

5. The Minister determines the authorities to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid as set out in Annex A of this determination.
6. The grant will be paid in 12 monthly instalments.

Grant Conditions

7. Pursuant to section 31(4) of the Local Government Act 2003, the Minister determines that the grant will be paid subject to the conditions in Annex B.

Treasury Consent

8. Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Minister obtained the consent of the Treasury.
Signed by authority of the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution.

**X, Deputy Director
Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government
April 2025**

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Annex A: Children and Families Grant allocations to local authorities 2025-26

Authorities to which grant is to be paid:

ONS Code	Local Authority	Children and Families Grant	Of which: Family Help
E09000002	Barking And Dagenham	£2,925,666	£1,948,533
E09000003	Barnet	£2,358,997	£1,343,700
E08000016	Barnsley	£1,913,226	£1,419,100
E06000022	Bath And North East Somerset	£981,688	£551,200
E06000055	Bedford	£1,445,571	£915,300
E09000004	Bexley	£1,692,751	£990,700
E08000025	Birmingham	£12,418,652	£8,907,733
E06000008	Blackburn with Darwen	£1,795,529	£1,242,033
E06000009	Blackpool	£1,953,500	£1,242,033
E08000001	Bolton	£2,838,563	£2,030,007
E06000058	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	£2,566,238	£1,357,900
E06000036	Bracknell Forest	£804,761	£461,933
E08000032	Bradford	£5,904,735	£4,010,800
E09000005	Brent	£2,851,943	£1,840,000
E06000043	Brighton And Hove	£2,140,585	£1,126,966
E06000023	Bristol	£3,830,768	£2,274,933
E09000006	Bromley	£1,958,085	£1,113,100
E06000060	Buckinghamshire Council	£2,364,400	£1,235,500
E08000002	Bury	£1,555,760	£1,001,470
E08000033	Calderdale	£1,670,344	£1,086,166
E10000003	Cambridgeshire	£3,402,222	£1,976,600
E09000007	Camden	£1,741,022	£1,066,100
E06000056	Central Bedfordshire	£1,524,534	£869,933
E06000049	Cheshire East	£2,134,528	£1,194,700
E06000050	Cheshire West and Chester	£2,211,071	£1,323,633
E09000001	City of London	£131,984	£0
E06000052	Cornwall	£3,253,498	£2,262,200
E08000026	Coventry	£3,170,400	£1,880,800
E09000008	Croydon	£4,537,890	£1,948,533
E06000063	Cumberland	£1,777,787	£1,004,731
E06000005	Darlington	£921,843	£612,066
E06000015	Derby	£2,501,172	£1,609,400
E10000007	Derbyshire	£4,534,549	£2,868,866
E10000008	Devon	£4,037,056	£2,303,000
E08000017	Doncaster	£2,980,705	£1,968,933
E06000059	Dorset Council	£1,962,355	£1,086,166
E08000027	Dudley	£2,624,756	£1,636,000
E06000047	Durham	£4,019,885	£2,787,266

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E09000009	Ealing	£2,850,970	£1,826,133
E06000011	East Riding of Yorkshire	£1,732,898	£1,086,166
E10000011	East Sussex	£3,178,778	£1,928,133
E09000010	Enfield	£3,070,631	£2,111,733
E10000012	Essex	£7,773,246	£4,990,333
E08000037	Gateshead	£1,827,714	£1,126,966
E10000013	Gloucestershire	£3,576,181	£1,887,333
E09000011	Greenwich	£2,787,916	£1,662,933
E09000012	Hackney	£2,959,140	£1,764,933
E06000006	Halton	£1,404,458	£949,900
E09000013	Hammersmith And Fulham	£1,609,046	£849,533
E10000014	Hampshire	£6,626,154	£3,250,933
E09000014	Haringey	£2,698,737	£1,662,933
E09000015	Harrow	£1,359,856	£849,533
E06000001	Hartlepool	£1,153,904	£720,600
E09000016	Havering	£1,719,863	£963,766
E06000019	Herefordshire	£1,336,266	£734,466
E10000015	Hertfordshire	£5,743,776	£3,340,200
E09000017	Hillingdon	£2,507,812	£1,296,700
E09000018	Hounslow	£2,632,720	£1,601,400
E06000046	Isle of Wight	£1,126,676	£665,933
E06000053	Isles of Scilly	£0	£0
E09000019	Islington	£2,393,950	£1,180,500
E09000020	Kensington And Chelsea	£1,204,046	£734,466
E10000016	Kent	£11,276,179	£6,012,733
E06000010	Kingston upon Hull	£3,344,017	£2,146,333
E09000021	Kingston upon Thames	£1,039,714	£618,600
E08000034	Kirklees	£3,336,104	£2,248,000
E08000011	Knowsley	£1,875,243	£1,384,500
E09000022	Lambeth	£2,882,677	£1,581,333
E10000017	Lancashire	£8,505,487	£5,652,066
E08000035	Leeds	£7,020,656	£4,574,666
E06000016	Leicester	£3,212,581	£2,288,800
E10000018	Leicestershire	£3,079,376	£1,813,400
E09000023	Lewisham	£3,408,819	£2,084,800
E10000019	Lincolnshire	£4,269,895	£2,922,733
E08000012	Liverpool	£5,952,951	£3,842,866
E06000032	Luton	£2,191,827	£1,270,100
E08000003	Manchester	£7,583,245	£4,826,906
E06000035	Medway	£2,035,453	£1,290,166
E09000024	Merton	£1,281,762	£714,400

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E06000002	Middlesbrough	£2,014,835	£1,302,900
E06000042	Milton Keynes	£1,785,285	£1,058,100
E08000021	Newcastle upon Tyne	£2,753,685	£1,670,266
E09000025	Newham	£3,468,704	£2,241,800
E10000020	Norfolk	£5,609,509	£3,346,733
E06000012	North East Lincolnshire	£1,713,065	£1,092,700
E06000013	North Lincolnshire	£1,248,124	£808,733
E06000061	North Northamptonshire	£4,034,229	£2,848,800
E06000024	North Somerset	£1,292,498	£741,000
E08000022	North Tyneside	£1,621,927	£976,500
E06000065	North Yorkshire	£2,798,674	£1,833,800
E06000057	Northumberland	£2,040,621	£1,351,700
E06000018	Nottingham	£3,496,038	£2,146,333
E10000024	Nottinghamshire	£5,247,468	£3,224,333
E08000004	Oldham	£2,625,355	£1,750,317
E10000025	Oxfordshire	£3,324,160	£1,731,800
E06000031	Peterborough	£2,050,912	£1,255,900
E06000026	Plymouth	£2,207,276	£1,371,766
E06000044	Portsmouth	£2,188,100	£1,188,500
E06000038	Reading	£1,272,094	£767,933
E09000026	Redbridge	£2,090,524	£1,282,833
E06000003	Redcar And Cleveland	£1,407,480	£829,133
E09000027	Richmond upon Thames	£1,027,569	£571,266
E08000005	Rochdale	£2,545,685	£1,696,184
E08000018	Rotherham	£2,546,483	£1,691,000
E06000017	Rutland	£269,622	£173,333
E08000006	Salford	£2,565,326	£1,687,162
E08000028	Sandwell	£3,402,437	£2,370,400
E08000014	Sefton	£2,054,937	£1,302,900
E08000019	Sheffield	£4,367,414	£2,991,266
E06000051	Shropshire	£1,830,816	£1,092,700
E06000039	Slough	£1,535,372	£984,500
E08000029	Solihull	£1,753,104	£808,733
E06000066	Somerset	£3,126,587	£1,983,133
E06000025	South Gloucestershire	£1,464,867	£767,933
E08000023	South Tyneside	£1,605,381	£1,078,833
E06000045	Southampton	£2,167,477	£1,296,700
E06000033	Southend-on-Sea	£1,489,369	£856,866
E09000028	Southwark	£3,053,591	£1,670,266
E08000013	St. Helens	£1,824,355	£1,133,500
E10000028	Staffordshire	£4,989,529	£2,902,333

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E08000007	Stockport	£2,207,775	£1,461,605
E06000004	Stockton-on-Tees	£1,967,864	£1,242,033
E06000021	Stoke-on-Trent	£2,906,607	£1,915,400
E10000029	Suffolk	£4,610,164	£2,630,933
E08000024	Sunderland	£2,507,361	£1,697,200
E10000030	Surrey	£5,013,956	£2,535,133
E09000029	Sutton	£1,382,812	£755,200
E06000030	Swindon	£1,750,700	£1,004,566
E08000008	Tameside	£2,557,510	£1,524,761
E06000020	Telford And Wrekin	£1,501,369	£990,700
E06000034	Thurrock	£1,755,933	£963,766
E06000027	Torbay	£1,323,518	£788,333
E09000030	Tower Hamlets	£2,683,571	£1,711,066
E08000009	Trafford	£1,579,874	£902,225
E08000036	Wakefield	£2,925,375	£2,105,533
E08000030	Walsall	£2,766,839	£1,826,133
E09000031	Waltham Forest	£2,723,369	£1,731,800
E09000032	Wandsworth	£1,869,681	£1,133,500
E06000007	Warrington	£1,564,133	£929,166
E10000031	Warwickshire	£3,644,468	£1,793,000
E06000037	West Berkshire	£934,914	£502,733
E06000064	Westmorland and Furness	£1,066,116	£706,335
E06000062	West Northamptonshire	£996,594	£0
E10000032	West Sussex	£4,333,551	£2,370,400
E09000033	Westminster	£1,589,714	£822,600
E08000010	Wigan	£2,817,919	£1,903,696
E06000054	Wiltshire	£2,295,694	£1,317,100
E06000040	Windsor And Maidenhead	£833,608	£448,866
E08000015	Wirral	£3,167,459	£1,968,933
E06000041	Wokingham	£738,503	£394,200
E08000031	Wolverhampton	£2,683,912	£1,779,133
E10000034	Worcestershire	£3,691,749	£2,166,400
E06000014	York	£1,020,752	£598,200
	TOTAL England	£414,333,591	£253,457,499

Annex B: GRANT CONDITIONS

Use of the grant

1. The £253.5 million of formerly Supporting Families funding included in the Children and Families Grant is ringfenced for children's social care prevention investment. Recipient authorities must spend their allocation of the £253.5 million of formerly Supporting Families funding included in the Children and Families Grant, together with their allocation of the Children's Social Care Prevention Grant, to continue to deliver prevention services and early intervention for families and vulnerable children. This combined funding must be used to support the rollout of Family Help and Child Protection reforms as described in [Keeping Children Safe, Helping Families Thrive](#).
2. Recipient authorities should refer to the grant determination letter for the Children's Social Care Prevention Grant for guidance on how their allocation of the formerly Supporting Families funding should be spent.
3. Recipient authorities must comply with the reporting requirements set out in the Children's Social Care Prevention Grant.
4. Funding for previously-DfE grants have been consolidated into the Children and Families Grant. The purpose of consolidating these separate smaller grants into the Children and Families Grant is to reduce administrative burdens associated with managing multiple grants from different central government departments. A change of the funding route for recipient authorities has no impact on the continuing statutory duties local authorities have to provide services to children and young people. Recipient authorities must deliver their statutory duties and/or maintain services for the following:
 - a. Supported Accommodation Reforms – New Burdens to LAs
 - b. Staying Put
 - c. Virtual School Heads Extension for Previously Looked After Children
 - d. Leaving Care Allowance Uplift
 - e. Personal Advisors Extended Duty
5. Links to the statutory guidance for these programmes can be found here:
 - a. Supported Accommodation Reforms: - [Guide to the supported accommodation regulations including quality standards – GOV.UK](#)
 - b. Staying Put: [Staying put: arrangements for care leavers aged 18 years and above - GOV.UK](#)
 - c. Virtual School Heads Extension for Previously Looked After Children: [Children Act 1989; Promoting the education of looked-after children and previously looked-after children; The designated teacher for looked-after and previously looked-after children](#)
 - d. Leaving Care Allowance Uplift: [Children Act 1989: transition to adulthood for care leavers - GOV.UK](#); [Local offer guidance](#);
 - e. Personal Advisors Extended Duty: [Extending Personal Adviser support to all care leavers to age 25](#)
6. Recipient authorities must comply with the Supported Accommodation Reforms set out as of 28 October 2023. These are:
 - a. Local authorities have no longer been permitted to:
 - i. 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
- ii. 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.
- b. 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.

Breach of conditions and withholding future funding

7. If the recipient authority fails to comply with any of these conditions, or if any overpayment is made under this grant, or any amount is paid in error, or any unspent funding is not returned, the Secretary of State may reduce, suspend or withhold grant payments or require the repayment of the whole or any part of the grant monies paid, as may be determined by the Secretary of State and notified in writing to the recipient authority. Such sum as has been notified will immediately become repayable to the Secretary of State who may offset the sum against any future amount due to the recipient authority from central government.