



Department
for Education

**Department for Education
20 Great Smith Street
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Friday 8 August 2025

Dear recipient,

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for the Children's Social Care Private Dashboard Early Adopters scheme (G2-SCH-2025-04-16463) [No 31/7946]

This Determination is made between:

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

This letter confirms an allocation of £15,000, payable in August 2025, for each local authority listed in Annex A to participate as an early adopter in Phase 1 (Data to Insight). It also sets out the requirements of the Children's Social Care Private Dashboard Early Adopters scheme, to support the time and resources required to set up the solution for data flow, begin developing and validating data to address any initial issues and contribute towards the development of the onboarding tools and best practice in preparation for Phase 2.

Yours faithfully,

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Iain Bradley

Deputy Director, Children's Social Care Data and Digital

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE PRIVATE DASHBOARD EARLY ADOPTERS SCHEME GRANT DETERMINATION 2025: No 31/7946 G2-SCH-2025-04-16463

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 Children’s Social Care Private Dashboard Early Adopters scheme (G2-SCH-2025-04-16463) Determination [2025] [No31/7946].

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.

The Department for Education aims to improve how children’s social care data is collected, shared and used to help achieve better outcomes for children and families. The children’s social care dashboard (CSC Dashboard) was published in October 2024, as a step to creating a central place to understand the landscape of children’s social care and progression towards the outcomes and enablers within the National Framework.

The Children’s Social Care Early Adopter scheme aims to fund a group of local authorities to test new, timely data flows through a private access version of the CSC dashboard. The scheme provides LAs with the opportunity to inform our data modernisation work, by collaborating with the Department for Education (DfE) to identify a sustainable, scalable solution toward improving how we collect, share, and use children’s social care data.

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for local authorities to engage with Phase 1 of the scheme, known as the technical testing stage. We will work with 4 local authorities to test the Data to Insight connection to our API (application programming interface) solution. This will run prior to Phase 2, the main element of the scheme, to allow us to identify and address challenges earlier on, making necessary adjustments before further roll out.

Local authorities will be funded £15,000 to be paid in August 2025 to cover the time required by local authorities to set up the solution for the data to flow, to begin developing and assuring data against any initial issues, and to support the development of onboarding tools and best practice for phase two.

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. The grant for phase 1 (Data to Insight) will be paid in advance of expenditure.

Payment of Grant

4) The grants shall be payable to local authorities in one instalment on or before 31 August 2025 for the Children's Social Care Private Dashboard Early Adopters scheme (G2-SCH-2025-04-16463) [No31/7946].

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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Iain Bradley
Deputy Director, Children's Social Care Data and Digital
Friday 8 August 2025

**ANNEX A – CHILDREN’S SOCIAL CARE PRIVATE
DASHBOARD EARLY ADOPTERS SCHEME GRANT
DETERMINATION [2025]: No 31/7946 G2-SCH-2025-04-16463**

Local Authority	Allocation
Brighton and Hove	£15,000
Coventry	£15,000
Merton	£15,000
Redcar and Cleveland	£15,000