



Department for Education

29 July 2024

Dear Local Authority,

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Family Hubs and Start for Life programme Revenue (2024-25)

This Determination is made between:

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

We are issuing this revenue Grant under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003. The Senior Responsible Officers for this grant, Susie Owen and Liz Ketch, will require your responsible officer to confirm at the end of the financial year that the funding has been properly expended.

Background to the grant

In October 2021 the government announced **£301.75 million for 75 upper-tier local authorities in England** to deliver Start for Life and family services over 3 financial years (FY), 2022-23 to 2024-25. The money will fund a joint programme overseen by the Department for Education (DfE) and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). DfE will be administering the grant funding on behalf of both departments. The funding is broken down as follows:

- **£100 million for bespoke parent–infant relationship and perinatal mental health support**
- **£81.75 million to create a network of family hubs**, improving access to a wide range of integrated support services for families with children

aged 0–19 and 0–25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) [*£15 million of which is capital funding*]

- **£50 million** to establish **infant feeding support** services
- **£50 million** to fund **parenting support programmes for 0-2**
- **£10 million** to support local authorities to publish a clear **Start for Life offer**, and establish **Parent and Carer Panels**
- **£10 million to trial innovative Start for Life workforce models.**
Note: this element of the funding package sits outside of the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme. It came onstream in FY 2023-24 and will be allocated to a smaller number of local authorities (approximately 5). It is therefore not covered by this grant determination letter.

The programme now also includes **£28.7 million** to train practitioners to support parents with the **home learning environment** through evidenced based interventions for pre-school children, taking the programme's total funding to £330.45m between 2022-23 financial year and 2024-25 financial year.

Participating local authorities will receive a share of all funding streams above, other than the £10 million for workforce trials for the reasons outlined. All local authorities will be expected to deliver across all components of the programme for which they are receiving funding.

For FY 2024-25 we expect funds to be made available to local authorities in the form of a non-ringfenced grant paid in two instalments. Pursuant to paragraph 5(e) of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Programme made between the Secretary of State and each of the 75 local authorities participating in the Programme (the “MoU”), funding for FY 2024-25 is contingent on a review of Programme delivery and the recipient local authority’s expenditure statements for the previous financial year.

Purpose of the grant

The programme’s core objective is to improve the universal Start for Life offer and transform the delivery of family services in local authority areas with high levels of deprivation and disproportionately poor health and educational outcomes, to support the government’s levelling up ambitions.

The programme will join up and enhance services delivered through family hubs in 75 local authorities, ensuring families in those areas can access the support they need, building the capacity of parents and carers to improve outcomes for babies and children.

Local authorities will be expected to work with delivery partners (e.g. health, education, voluntary sector, and other partners) to design and implement their family hub model and Start for Life services.

Full details of the Programme aims and objectives and the expectations that local authorities are expected to deliver with this funding are set out in the Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Guide:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/family-hubs-and-start-for-life-programme-local-authority-guide>

Please ensure that this letter is shared with your Chief Finance Officer for information. You should also note that this letter has also been copied to His Majesty's Treasury and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

Yours sincerely,

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Sarah Harriss (Deputy Director), Early Years, Children and Families Directorate, DHSC

REVENUE grant determination (non-ringfenced)

FAMILY HUBS AND START FOR LIFE PROGRAMME REVENUE GRANT DETERMINATION 2024-25

The Secretary of State for Education (Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP), 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 Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Revenue Grant Determination (2024-25).

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 to deliver the expectations set out in the Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Guide <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/family-hubs-and-start-for-life-programme-local-authority-guide> and the MoU.

Determination

3) The Secretary of State determines the local authorities to which grants are to be paid and the maximum amounts to be paid; these are set out in Annex A.

Treasury consent

4) 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

**Marc Rooney (Deputy Director), Family Hubs and Early Years Interventions,
DfE**

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**ANNEX A – FAMILY HUBS AND START FOR LIFE
PROGRAMME REVENUE GRANT DETERMINATION 2024-25**

Authorities to which the grant is to be paid	Amount of grant to be paid
London Borough of Barking and Dagenham	£1,248,618
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,106,330
Bedford Borough	£1,021,901
Birmingham City Council	£3,130,599
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	£999,082
Blackpool Borough Council	£927,716
Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,270,832
Bradford Metropolitan District Council	£1,848,252
London Borough of Brent	£1,418,484
Bristol City Council	£1,540,966
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,035,881
London Borough of Camden	£1,110,211
Cornwall Council	£1,497,216
Coventry City Council	£1,374,147
London Borough of Croydon	£1,524,562
Derby City Council	£1,169,910
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,235,678
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,244,938
Durham County Council	£1,473,165
East Sussex County Council	£1,471,901

Authorities to which the grant is to be paid	Amount of grant to be paid
London Borough of Enfield	£1,388,606
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council	£999,762
Royal Borough of Greenwich	£1,323,305
London Borough of Hackney	£1,295,723
Halton Borough Council	£906,872
London Borough of Haringey	£1,222,409
Hartlepool Borough Council	£842,132
London Borough of Hounslow	£1,280,679
Isle of Wight Council	£861,500
London Borough of Islington	£1,087,357
Kent County Council	£3,408,959
Kingston-upon-Hull City Council	£1,188,274
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council	£988,897
London Borough of Lambeth	£1,240,783
Leicester City Council	£1,409,723
London Borough of Lewisham	£1,326,926
Lincolnshire County Council	£1,818,387
Liverpool City Council	£1,560,906
Luton Borough Council	£1,201,166
Manchester City Council	£1,800,400
Medway Council	£1,231,896
Middlesbrough Borough Council	£967,297
Newcastle-upon-Tyne City Council	£1,192,613
London Borough of Newham	£1,511,747

Authorities to which the grant is to be paid	Amount of grant to be paid
Norfolk County Council	£2,015,416
North East Lincolnshire Council	£949,930
North Lincolnshire Council	£947,883
North Northamptonshire	£1,317,566
Northumberland Council	£1,115,485
Nottingham City Council	£1,292,284
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,177,497
Peterborough City Council	£1,127,657
Plymouth City Council	£1,117,628
Portsmouth City Council	£1,051,600
Redcar and Cleveland Council	£895,331
Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,141,930
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,139,769
Salford City Council	£1,232,854
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,380,474
Sheffield City Council	£1,657,189
South Tyneside Council	£923,913
Southampton City Council	£1,145,512
London Borough of Southwark	£1,280,493
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council	£981,105
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	£1,189,353
Sunderland City Council	£1,114,201
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,116,474
Telford & Wrekin Council	£1,014,279

Authorities to which the grant is to be paid	Amount of grant to be paid
Thurrock Council	£1,076,336
Torbay Council	£877,243
London Borough of Tower Hamlets	£1,351,918
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	£1,318,662
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,268,855
London Borough of Waltham Forest	£1,347,153
Wolverhampton City Council	£1,208,873