



Department for Education

24 July 2025

Dear Local Authority,

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Revenue (2025-26):

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 (FY) that the funding has been properly expended.

Purpose of the grant

The Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme is 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 for FY 2025–26 allows the opportunity for local authorities to consolidate, embed and enhance their family hub network and start for life services offer.

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 updated Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Guide:

[Family Hubs and Start for Life programme: local authority guide 2025 to 2026 - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/family-hubs-and-start-for-life-programme-local-authority-guide-2025-to-2026)

For FY 2025-26, we expect funds to be made available to local authorities in the form of a non-ringfenced Grant paid in two instalments. Payment will be made pursuant to clause 5 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”).

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 Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Hollom and Laura Street (Acting Deputy Directors), Early Years, Childcare, Families and Analysis Directorate, DfE

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 2025-26

The Secretary of State for Education (Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP), (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 Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Revenue Grant Determination (2025-26).

Purpose of the Grant

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide financial assistance to the eligible English local authorities specified in Annex A, to support them in meeting 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.

Determination

3) The Secretary of State determines that the local authorities who are eligible to receive grant funding for FY 2025-26, and the **maximum amounts** of grant funding those local authorities could receive, is specified in Annex A.

Treasury consent

4) Before making this determination specified in paragraph 3, the Secretary of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education

Charlotte Hollom and Laura Street (Acting Deputy Directors), Early Years, Childcare, Families and Analysis Directorate, DfE

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ANNEX A - FAMILY HUBS AND START FOR LIFE PROGRAMME REVENUE GRANT DETERMINATION 2025-26

Local authorities to which the grant is to be paid	Maximum payment 1 <i>Anticipate payment in Q1 / Q2 of 2025-26 subject to satisfactory delivery</i>	Maximum payment 2 <i>Anticipate payment in Q3 / Q4 of 2025-26 subject to satisfactory delivery</i>	Maximum payment for financial year 2025-26
London Borough of Barking and Dagenham	£665,141	£665,141	£1,330,282
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	£589,147	£589,146	£1,178,293
Bedford Borough	£547,912	£547,911	£1,095,823
Birmingham City Council	£1,715,262	£1,715,262	£3,430,524
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	£530,185	£530,185	£1,060,370
Blackpool Borough Council	£487,038	£487,038	£974,076
Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council	£690,359	£690,358	£1,380,717
Bradford Metropolitan District Council	£997,404	£997,404	£1,994,808
London Borough of Brent	£742,179	£742,178	£1,484,357

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Bristol City Council	£806,922	£806,921	£1,613,843
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council	£545,987	£545,986	£1,091,973
London Borough of Camden	£536,699	£536,699	£1,073,398
Cornwall Council	£801,300	£801,300	£1,602,600
Coventry City Council	£742,239	£742,239	£1,484,478
London Borough of Croydon	£804,612	£804,611	£1,609,223
Derby City Council	£627,185	£627,185	£1,254,370
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	£665,701	£665,701	£1,331,402
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council	£675,649	£675,648	£1,351,297
Durham County Council	£786,273	£786,273	£1,572,546
East Sussex County Council	£786,744	£786,743	£1,573,487

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London Borough of Enfield	£718,361	£718,361	£1,436,722
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council	£529,072	£529,071	£1,058,143
Royal Borough of Greenwich	£693,746	£693,746	£1,387,492
London Borough of Hackney	£654,463	£654,462	£1,308,925
Halton Borough Council	£472,525	£472,525	£945,050
London Borough of Haringey	£626,371	£626,370	£1,252,741
Hartlepool Borough Council	£440,315	£440,315	£880,630
London Borough of Hounslow	£677,489	£677,489	£1,354,978
Isle of Wight Council	£448,070	£448,070	£896,140
London Borough of Islington	£555,356	£555,356	£1,110,712
Kent County Council	£1,914,581	£1,914,580	£3,829,161

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Kingston-upon-Hull City Council	£645,257	£645,257	£1,290,514
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council	£531,264	£531,263	£1,062,527
London Borough of Lambeth	£632,130	£632,130	£1,264,260
Leicester City Council	£765,815	£765,815	£1,531,630
London Borough of Lewisham	£677,880	£677,880	£1,355,760
Lincolnshire County Council	£981,023	£981,023	£1,962,046
Liverpool City Council	£829,170	£829,170	£1,658,340
Luton Borough Council	£660,014	£660,013	£1,320,027
Manchester City Council	£989,873	£989,872	£1,979,745
Medway Council	£663,209	£663,208	£1,326,417
Middlesbrough Borough Council	£517,196	£517,196	£1,034,392

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Newcastle-upon-Tyne City Council	£644,582	£644,581	£1,289,163
London Borough of Newham	£823,917	£823,916	£1,647,833
Norfolk County Council	£1,092,823	£1,092,823	£2,185,646
North East Lincolnshire Council	£494,478	£494,477	£988,955
North Lincolnshire Council	£502,221	£502,220	£1,004,441
North Northamptonshire	£710,763	£710,763	£1,421,526
Northumberland Council	£599,430	£599,429	£1,198,859
Nottingham City Council	£681,865	£681,864	£1,363,729
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council	£648,041	£648,040	£1,296,081
Peterborough City Council	£605,722	£605,721	£1,211,443
Plymouth City Council	£585,569	£585,568	£1,171,137

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Portsmouth City Council	£552,154	£552,153	£1,104,307
Redcar and Cleveland Council	£472,954	£472,954	£945,908
Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council	£614,930	£614,930	£1,229,860
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	£619,940	£619,940	£1,239,880
Salford City Council	£669,926	£669,925	£1,339,851
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council	£759,538	£759,537	£1,519,075
Sheffield City Council	£893,548	£893,548	£1,787,096
South Tyneside Council	£485,188	£485,188	£970,376
Southampton City Council	£600,894	£600,893	£1,201,787
London Borough of Southwark	£648,019	£648,019	£1,296,038
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council	£523,415	£523,414	£1,046,829

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Stoke-on-Trent City Council	£636,872	£636,871	£1,273,743
Sunderland City Council	£606,836	£606,836	£1,213,672
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	£586,535	£586,534	£1,173,069
Telford & Wrekin Council	£542,905	£542,904	£1,085,809
Thurrock Council	£567,562	£567,562	£1,135,124
Torbay Council	£451,600	£451,600	£903,200
London Borough of Tower Hamlets	£701,302	£701,301	£1,402,603
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	£705,652	£705,652	£1,411,304
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council	£679,255	£679,254	£1,358,509
London Borough of Waltham Forest	£696,847	£696,847	£1,393,694
Wolverhampton City Council	£668,202	£668,201	£1,336,403