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To all local authorities in England

**Section 31 Grant Determination Letter for the Extension of the Role of  
Virtual School Heads to children with a social worker FY 2023-25  
[31/6732]**

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 purpose of this grant is to provide support to local authorities in England to help them to extend the role of the Virtual School Head to promote the educational outcomes of the cohort of children with a social worker. Virtual School Heads should take a strategic leadership role for this cohort of children and work with early years settings, schools, colleges, and social care leaders to create a culture of high aspirations that helps all children with social workers to reach their potential.

Local authorities can spend this grant to support costs associated with meeting this responsibility. In doing so, they should take account of the [non-statutory guidance](#) to help them implement this new duty.

Annex A attached includes the amount of funding awarded to each local authority for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years.

Signed by authority of the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families.

Yours sincerely

Kate Cornish and May El Komy, Deputy Directors, Outcomes, Care Leavers, and Capital Division, Children's Social Care

## **Sec 31 Extension of the Role of Virtual School Heads to children with a social worker GRANT DETERMINATION 2023/25: [31/6732]**

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 EXTENSION OF THE ROLE OF VIRTUAL SCHOOL HEADS TO CHILDREN WITH A SOCIAL WORKER IMPLEMENTATION GRANT (2023/25) [No. 31/6732]

### **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 in respect of implementing the role of the Virtual School Head for children with a social worker.

### **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.

### **Grant payments and expectations**

4) Grant will be paid in 3 instalments per financial year of as near equal value as possible in 2023/24 and 2024/25. The first instalment will be paid in September. The second instalment will be paid in December. The third instalment will be paid in March. All payments will be paid before the end of the financial year.

5) Funding for financial year 2024/25 is indicative and allocations may, under exceptional circumstances, be revised.

6) Local authorities should refer to the Memorandum of Understanding, setting out expectations as to how the funding will be spent, at Annex B. A Memorandum of Understanding should be read, signed and returned to DfE by every local authority for each financial year.

### **Treasury consent**

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

### **UK Government Branding**

- 8) The Grant Recipient shall at all times during and following the end of the Funding Period:
- 8.1 comply with requirements of the Branding Manual in relation to the Funded Activities; and
  - 8.2 cease use of the Funded by UK Government logo on demand if directed to do so by the Authority.

### **Branding Manual**

9) Branding Manual means the HM Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 'Funded by UK Government branding manual' first published by the Cabinet Office in November 2022 and is available at <https://gcs.civilservice.gov.uk/guidance/marketing/branding-guidelines/> including any subsequent updates from time to time.

Signed by authority of the Minister of State for Education.



Kate Cornish and May El Komy, Deputy Directors, Outcomes, Care Leavers, and Capital Division, Children's Social Care

## ANNEX A – Local Authority Allocations

Local Authority	2023/24	2024/25	Total
Isles of Scilly	£30,000	£30,000	£60,000
City of London	£30,000	£30,000	£60,000
Rutland	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Hartlepool	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Bracknell Forest	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Kensington and Chelsea	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Darlington	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Torbay	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Blackpool	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Isle of Wight	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Kingston upon Thames	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Slough	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Southend-on-Sea	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Thurrock	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Middlesbrough	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Merton	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Richmond upon Thames	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Redcar and Cleveland	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Reading	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Barking and Dagenham	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Westminster	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Knowsley	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Camden	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Hammersmith and Fulham	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Harrow	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
South Tyneside	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
North East Lincolnshire	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
York	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Sutton	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Portsmouth	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Halton	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Windsor and Maidenhead	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Wokingham	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Islington	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000

St. Helens	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Brighton and Hove	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Luton	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Bedford	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Telford and Wrekin	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Blackburn with Darwen	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Southampton	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Redbridge	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
North Somerset	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Stockton-on-Tees	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Peterborough	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Bexley	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Hounslow	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Waltham Forest	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
North Tyneside	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
North Lincolnshire	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Hackney	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Bury	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Bath and North East Somerset	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
West Berkshire	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Havering	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Swindon	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Solihull	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Lewisham	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Wandsworth	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Brent	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Gateshead	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Greenwich	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Haringey	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Rochdale	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Warrington	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Barnsley	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Lambeth	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Trafford	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Stoke-on-Trent	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Ealing	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Enfield	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000

Kingston Upon Hull City of	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Tameside	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Plymouth	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Salford	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Herefordshire	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Newcastle upon Tyne	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Newham	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Calderdale	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Bromley	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Hillingdon	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Medway	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Tower Hamlets	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Derby	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Nottingham	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Sefton	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Oldham	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Dudley	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Southwark	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Wolverhampton	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Leicester	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Milton Keynes	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Stockport	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Cumberland	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Westmorland and Furness	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
South Gloucestershire	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Coventry	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Sunderland	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Sandwell	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Walsall	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Rotherham	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Croydon	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Wirral	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Doncaster	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Barnet	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Bolton	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000

Wigan	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Central Bedfordshire	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
West Northamptonshire	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
North Northamptonshire	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
Wakefield	£116,731	£116,731	£233,462
East Riding of Yorkshire	£117,434	£117,434	£234,868
Shropshire	£117,434	£117,434	£234,868
Bristol City of	£118,019	£118,019	£236,038
Cheshire East	£118,136	£118,136	£236,272
Dorset	£118,721	£118,721	£237,442
Cheshire West and Chester	£119,189	£119,189	£238,378
Northumberland	£119,189	£119,189	£238,378
Liverpool	£120,125	£120,125	£240,250
Sheffield	£120,827	£120,827	£241,654
Kirklees	£121,061	£121,061	£242,122
Manchester	£121,529	£121,529	£243,058
East Sussex	£121,763	£121,763	£243,526
Bradford	£124,922	£124,922	£249,844
Buckinghamshire	£127,496	£127,496	£254,992
Wiltshire	£127,964	£127,964	£255,928
Worcestershire	£128,549	£128,549	£257,098
Warwickshire	£129,017	£129,017	£258,034
Cambridgeshire	£130,889	£130,889	£261,778
Durham	£131,240	£131,240	£262,480
Somerset	£131,357	£131,357	£262,714
Leeds	£132,176	£132,176	£264,352
Cornwall	£132,644	£132,644	£265,288
Leicestershire	£132,995	£132,995	£265,990
West Sussex	£133,463	£133,463	£266,926
Oxfordshire	£135,101	£135,101	£270,202
Gloucestershire	£135,218	£135,218	£270,436
Suffolk	£138,026	£138,026	£276,052
Nottinghamshire	£139,430	£139,430	£278,860
Lincolnshire	£142,706	£142,706	£285,412
North Yorkshire	£142,823	£142,823	£285,646
Devon	£143,174	£143,174	£286,348
Surrey	£146,333	£146,333	£292,666

Staffordshire	£146,918	£146,918	£293,836
Derbyshire	£148,907	£148,907	£297,814
Norfolk	£149,609	£149,609	£299,218
Birmingham	£151,833	£151,833	£303,666
Hampshire	£162,012	£162,012	£324,024
Hertfordshire	£162,246	£162,246	£324,492
Essex	£164,937	£164,937	£329,874
Kent	£168,330	£168,330	£336,660
Lancashire	£173,712	£173,712	£347,424