

To all local authorities in England

04 February 2016

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Children's Social Care Innovation Programme Grant (2014-16) CSDSD62/2015

This Determination is made between:

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

Purpose of the Grant

This grant is an addition to grant CSDSD61/2014 and CSDSD 04/2015. It reflects Innovation Programme funding which was finalised in January 2016.

Alongside CSDSD61/2014 and CSDSD 04/2015, this grant is intended to support the projects local authorities have requested to undertake relating to innovation in children's social care. They may, however, choose how to spend the money in order to best meet local need.

The Children's Social Care Innovation Programme supports the development, testing and spreading of more effective ways of supporting children and families who need help from children's social care services. It has two main focus areas:

- Rethinking children's social work – improving the quality and impact of children's social work;
- Rethinking support for adolescents in or on the edge of care – improving the quality and impact of services which provide a stable effective launch pad for adolescents to transition successfully into adulthood.

The Innovation Programme will provide valuable lessons about how to secure better outcomes for our most vulnerable children and how best to structure and resource the work we do with them. The Programme is seeking to inspire whole system change so that in five years' time we achieve:

- Better life chances for children receiving help from the social care system;
- Stronger incentives and mechanisms for innovation, experimentation and replication of successful new approaches; and
- Better value for money across children's social care.

Local authorities are undertaking a range of projects to test new ideas.

Details of payments to local authorities in grant CSDSD61/2014 and CSDSD 04/2015 will not change and this grant agreement allocates funds in addition to CSDSD61/2014 and CSDSD 04/2015 grant agreements.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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Graham Archer, Director, Department of Education

Innovation Programme GRANT DETERMINATION [2015-16]: No 31/2718

The Secretary of State for Education (“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 Innovation Programme Grant Determination [2015-16] [No. 31/2718].

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.

Determination

3) The Secretary of State determines the authorities to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid. This is 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.

Payment arrangements

5) The grant will be paid in one instalment in February 2016.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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Graham Archer, Director, Department for Education

Annex A

Local Authority	Total 2015/16
London Borough of Hounslow	£776,000
London Borough of Southwark	£83,900
Total	£859,900

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¹ The allocation of funds in this letter is to reflect changes in lead organisation for projects or parts of projects. There has been no additional funding commitment agreed by the CSC Innovation Programme.