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8 April 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Grant to act as Regional Coordinator in the West Midlands region for implementation of the Special Educational Needs and Disability reforms in 2020-21.

I am writing to let you know that I, as authorised by the Secretary of State, would like to invite you to act as a Regional Coordinator for implementation of the Special Educational Needs and Disability reforms in the West Midlands region, working jointly with Warwickshire County Council and in partnership with Birmingham, Dudley, Herefordshire, Sandwell, Shropshire, Coventry, Staffordshire, Stoke, Telford and Wrekin, Walsall, Wolverhampton and Worcestershire.

A copy of the Grant Determination Letter is attached. Any queries which you have about the Determination should be sent to me at the following address:

[REDACTED]
The Department for Education
SEND, Alternative Provision and Attendance Unit
2nd Floor, Sanctuary Buildings
Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT

A colleague from Mott MacDonald will be in contact shortly on behalf of the Delivery Support consortium to offer their support in developing your work plan.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
For the Secretary of State for Education

S31 Grant Determination Letter for the Role of Regional Coordinator for the Special Educational Needs and Disability Reforms in 2020-21: GD number is 31/5003

This Determination is made between:

(1) **The Secretary of State for Education** and

(2) Local authorities for:

Durham County Council
London Borough of Barnet
Leicester City Council
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
Peterborough City Council
Portsmouth City Council
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Torbay Council
Wakefield District Borough Council

Purpose of this grant

Local authorities can use this grant funding to support them in their role as regional coordinator for the implementation of the Special Educational Needs reforms from April 2020. They may, however, choose how to spend the money in order to best meet local need.

The aspiration of the Department for Education is that regional coordinators should use the funding provided to:

- Improve the quality of services for children and young people with SEN and disabilities, whether in education, health or social care.
- Ensure a strong spirit of co-production with parents and young people, and ensuring individual children, young people and their parents are at the heart of decisions made about the provision they receive.
- Build relationships between local authorities and their health and social care partners.
- Build relationships across educational institutions, including early years settings, mainstream and special schools, FE colleges and independent or non-maintained providers.

Some success measures which regional coordinators may wish to employ are provided at Annex A.

Grant allocations

Total funding of £200,000 is available for this programme in 2020-21 with funding to be split between the regional coordinators.

Funds will be made available in the form of an unringfenced grant. Details of allocations to be made to each regional coordinators are set out in Annex B.

Payment arrangements

Payment will be made in two instalments on the last Fridays in August 2020 and February 2021.

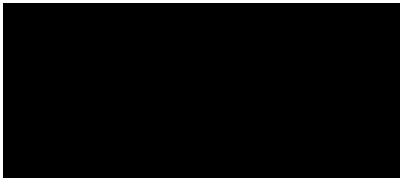
Arrangements for keeping in touch with the Department for Education and the Delivery Support Contractor.

Formal reporting to the Department for Education on progress is not a condition of this grant. However, previous successful applicants for this award have described in their expressions of interest how they intended to use the funds to drive improvement in their region and were invited to continue working with the Delivery Support Contractor on delivery planning and systems for measuring and sharing progress on a voluntary basis. The Department for Education would be happy to continue receiving any information about effective practice that is gathered by the regional coordinators during 2020-21.

This letter has been copied for information to the SEND regional coordinators for all named authorities and to Her Majesty's Treasury and the Department for Communities and Local Government.

If you have any questions about the contents of this letter, please contact the SEN and Disability implementation mailbox at 

Yours sincerely,



Deputy Director
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Department for Education

**REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR THE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND
DISABILITY REFORMS: GRANT DETERMINATION 2020-21 GD number is
31/5003**

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children and Families
("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 Regional Coordinator for the Special
Educational Needs and Disability Reforms Determination 2020-21 GD number is
31/5003

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.

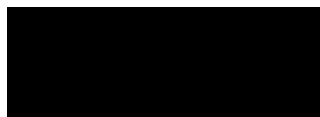
Determination

- 3) The 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 B.

Treasury consent

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

Signed on behalf of the Minister of State for Education by 



Deputy Director
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
Department for Education

ANNEX A: SUCCESS MEASURES

Funding under Section 31 Grant reference GD number is 31/5003 is intended to facilitate a peer learning approach to support implementation of the Special Educational Needs reforms during 2020-21. Success measures which regional coordinators may wish to employ when assessing the impact of this grant might include:

- evidence of progress across key areas of the SEN and disability reforms such as:
 - the quality and accessibility of the Local Offer,
 - awareness of personal budgets,
 - development multi-agency working and joint commissioning,
 - preparing for adulthood,
 - participation of children, young people and parent carers,
 - organisational change, and
 - workforce development;
- a clear and sustainable strategy for partnership working with local authorities across the region;
- development of a clear and achievable delivery plan for regional activities and peer support in 2020-21;
- a strategy for assessing the impact their work has had in the region;
- evidence of effective partnership working with the main stakeholder groups in the region to shape approaches;
- evidence of effective relationships between the local authorities and their health and social care partners;
- a strong working partnership with their own local parent carer forum that can help to influence and encourage participation and co-production within the region;
- evidence of effective partnership working with national partners and support agencies to meet regional needs and share information;
- a strategy for sharing of effective approaches from the region, including with neighbouring areas; and
- evidence of an improved experience for children and young people and their families.

**ANNEX B – REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR THE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL
NEEDS AND DISABILITY REFORMS: GRANT DETERMINATION 2020-21: GD
number is 31/5003**

Authorities to which grant is to be paid	No of LAs in region	Region to be supported	Amount of base funding	Top up amount, based on the number of authorities in each region	Total grant funding per region
Leicester City Council	9	East Midlands			
Peterborough City Council	11	Eastern			
London Borough of Barnet	33	London			
Durham County Council	12	North East			
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council	23	North West			
Portsmouth City Council	19	South East			
Torbay Council	15	South West			
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	14	West Midlands			
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	15	Yorks and Humber			
Totals	151				£200,000.00