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## Summary

1. In 2006/07 and 2007/08, CAMHS funding to councils will reflect the Government's continuing commitment to improve the overall level of provision. The vision for CAMHS improvements is set out in the CAMHS Standard of the National Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services, (published in September 2004) and the Department for Education and Skills 'Every Child Matters: Change for Children' programme.
2. The total CAMHS Grant in 2006/07 and 2007/08 will be £90.539 million. In 2006/07 £86.484m will be allocated directly to councils using the Children's Formula Spending Share (CFSS). In 2007/08 this will increase to £88.214m. Some of the CAMHS Grant will be top sliced to fund specific projects and central initiatives as set out in paragraph 10. This circular sets the conditions attached to the core CAMHS Grant, and the individual councils' allocations.

## Background

3. The core CAMHS Grant in 2006/07 and 2007/08 is paid to Councils with Social Services Responsibilities (CSSRs) to enable them to carry forward their joint strategies with the NHS and other agencies to develop CAMHS. The Grant is paid under Section 31 of the Local Authority Government Act 2003. These funds are provided on 100% basis and are allocated based on the CFSS. This continues the Department's approach of funds being targeted at areas with the greatest need.
4. The Children's National Service Framework (NSF) published in September 2004, included practical guidance for improving the service and a description of what a comprehensive CAMHS should include. CSSRs should be aware and take account of these findings when planning the development of services using the CAMHS Grant. A summary description of a comprehensive service can be found in Standard 9 of the NSF. This will be useful to local planners as a guide to identify which elements of CAMHS need to be provided or improved.

## Grant Conditions

5. Some of the other areas CSSRs may wish to consider including in their development strategies will include mental health services for 16 and 17 year olds, children with learning disabilities, early intervention and promotion, and mental health services for children with complex needs.
6. The core grant should be used to improve CAMHS, in accordance with local needs and priorities, as set out in local CAMHS Development Strategies.
7. The local CAMHS Development Strategy should show how the resources will be used to achieve the CAMHS Public Service Agreement (PSA) standard to:

*Improve life outcomes of .... children with mental health problems, by ensuring that all patients who need them have access to .... a comprehensive CAMHS.*

8. Plans for spending the grant should be agreed between councils with social care services responsibilities (CSSRs), Primary Care Trusts (PCTs), education departments and other partners. Local agencies should work in partnership at all levels of service planning and delivery. Joint commissioning arrangements and/or use of Health Act flexibilities should be used wherever possible.
9. Up to 5% of the grant can be spent on capital projects including the development of IT infrastructure and investment in the built environment.
10. In addition to the core CAMHS Grant distributed to CSSRs, other CAMHS funding is being distributed separately to councils or managed centrally:
  - In 2006/07 £2.805m retained centrally to fund projects to develop services in line with the Children's NSF and "Every Child Matters" and for the Department to be able to respond flexibly in supporting the outcomes from the projects. In 2007/08 this will reduce to £1.075m; and
  - £1.25m to fund the National CAMHS Support Service (NCSS) whose team of Regional Development Workers liaise with local commissioners and providers to drive up standards.

### **Certification Requirements**

11. Councils with 3 stars for social services from the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) or an Audit Commission 4 star Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) will not be subject to audit. These freedoms only apply to the "core" CAMHS grant. All other councils in receipt of the grant will be subject to audit, details of which will be sent to councils in April 2007 and April 2008. The star ratings used will be those published in November 2005 and November 2006.

### **Administrative Arrangements**

12. We shall write in April 2006 and April 2007 to CSSRs with the claim and outturn forms for 2006/07 and 2007/08 respectively.
13. The spending freedoms for CSCI three star councils and a four star CPA will apply to the CAMHS Grant. Such councils will have no conditions attached to their grant payment. Note that the basis of allocation is the same as for all other councils.
14. Payment will be made to all CSCI three star and CPA four star councils as a special grant under section 88B of the Local Government Finance Act 1988; this has to be used to completely remove ring fencing. It is likely that a single special grant report will cover all or most grants. Aspects of this special grant report, including all financial aspects, are subject to parliamentary approval and timetabling. CSCI three star councils will be able to carry over all unspent grant money into the following year, and CPA four star councils will be able to carry over 25% of the grant. While councils with these freedoms are not required to follow the grant conditions outlined in this document much of the information and guidance is important and councils are encouraged to read this circular.

**Cancellation of circular**

15. This circular should be cancelled on 1 April 2008. It replaces *circular Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Grant Guidance 2005/06 (HSC 2004/004; LAC(2004)28.)*

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**ANNEX**

**2006-07 and 2007-08 CAMHS GRANT ALLOCATIONS**

Local authority	CAMHS 2006/07 allocation (£)	CAMHS 2007/08 allocation (£)
Barking and Dagenham	544,764	555,663
Barnet	670,973	684,395
Barnsley	342,558	349,413
Bath & North East Somerset	186,201	189,925
Bedfordshire	442,753	451,614
Bexley	378,284	385,851
Birmingham	2,890,735	2,948,566
Blackburn with Darwen	313,295	319,564
Blackpool	276,396	281,923
Bolton	477,814	487,372
Bournemouth	252,923	257,982
Bracknell Forest	143,134	145,996
Bradford	1,035,845	1,056,572
Brent	937,505	956,256
Brighton & Hove	452,187	461,231
Bristol	790,092	805,894
Bromley	472,181	481,625
Buckinghamshire	482,139	491,786
Bury	286,616	292,349
Calderdale	316,008	322,329
Cambridgeshire	549,734	560,733
Camden	977,089	996,630
Cheshire	734,348	749,035
City of London	17,953	18,312
Cornwall	612,619	624,877
Coventry	621,646	634,079
Croydon	810,871	827,096
Cumbria	537,526	548,279
Darlington	152,328	155,375
Derby	426,845	434,363
Derbyshire	745,342	760,261
Devon	750,565	765,578
Doncaster	4 62,758	472,017
Dorset	369,670	377,065
Dudley	427,606	436,162
Durham	698,810	712,790
Ealing	903,526	921,597
East Riding of Yorkshire	280,244	285,851
East Sussex	648,634	661,610
Enfield	662,342	675,597
Essex	1,550,963	1,581,997
Gateshead	356,342	363,469
Gloucestershire	635,839	648,557
Greenwich	918,612	936,984
Hackney	1,426,030	1,454,551
Halton	269,568	274,959
Hammersmith and Fulham	785,808	801,524
Hampshire	1,278,170	1,303,735
Haringey	945,125	964,027
Harrow	384,512	392,204
Hartlepool	177,052	180,594
Havering	318,147	324,511
Herefordshire	180,395	184,004
Hertfordshire	1,230,804	1,255,426
Hillingdon	466,960	476,304

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Hounslow	564,126	575,409
Isle of Wight Council	199,785	203,782
Islington	1,041,992	1,062,832
Kensington and Chelsea	671,955	685,394
Kent	1,745,230	1,780,154
Kingston upon Hull	562,758	574,014
Kingston upon Thames	236,300	241,026
Kirklees	625,012	637,517
Knowsley	483,699	493,473
Lambeth	1,489,283	1,519,068
Lancashire	1,597,699	1,629,654
Leeds	1,208,242	1,232,407
Leicester	687,378	701,127
Leicestershire	502,287	512,338
Lewisham	1,168,482	1,191,852
Lincolnshire	693,173	707,044
Liverpool	1,265,416	1,290,724
Luton	409,423	417,617
Manchester	1,425,284	1,453,789
Medway	372,515	379,971
Merton	414,312	422,598
Middlesbrough	353,906	360,985
Milton Keynes	357,740	364,898
Newcastle upon Tyne	618,550	630,921
Newham	1,123,204	1,145,680
Norfolk	870,966	888,396
North East Lincolnshire	279,784	285,381
North Lincolnshire	199,539	203,532
North Somerset	202,981	207,041
North Tyneside	342,667	349,520
North Yorkshire	528,644	539,217
Northamptonshire	808,271	824,441
Northumberland	348,617	355,592
Nottingham	713,549	727,820
Nottinghamshire	861,646	878,886
Oldham	445,005	453,907
Oxfordshire	649,545	662,536
Peterborough	292,823	298,684
Plymouth	459,105	468,287
Poole	170,382	173,789
Portsmouth	392,006	399,847
Reading	286,509	292,239
Redbridge	476,378	485,913
Redcar and Cleveland	255,958	261,078
Richmond upon Thames	258,723	263,897
Rochdale	442,845	451,703
Rotherham	405,027	413,131
Rutland	27,943	28,502
Salford	489,492	499,282
Sandwell	644,958	657,863
Sefton	503,097	513,159
Sheffield	896,801	914,737
Shropshire	262,687	267,942
Slough	283,060	288,721
Solihull	284,475	290,164
Somerset	514,487	524,783
South Gloucestershire	238,926	243,706
South Tyneside	339,894	346,691
Southampton	448,194	457,158
Southend-on-Sea	308,123	314,286
Southwark	1,491,093	1,520,915
St Helens	292,043	297,886
Staffordshire	810,250	826,460

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Stockport	380,493	388,102
Stockton-on-Tees	327,146	333,690
Stoke-on-Trent	418,512	426,865
Suffolk	708,107	722,276
Sunderland	538,769	549,544
Surrey	1,083,955	1,105,634
Sutton	337,286	344,032
Swindon	235,754	240,070
Tameside	378,361	385,929
Telford and the Wrekin	261,636	266,872
Thurrock	258,458	263,629
Torbay	218,444	222,813
Tower Hamlets	1,442,106	1,470,948
Trafford	322,782	329,238
Wakefield	461,923	471,164
Walsall	484,617	494,313
Waltham Forest	717,630	731,983
Wandsworth	916,824	935,160
Warrington	243,916	248,794
Warwickshire	536,127	546,852
West Berkshire	135,710	138,425
West Sussex	800,695	816,712
Westminster	827,423	843,971
Wigan	436,252	444,978
Wiltshire	438,861	447,639
Windsor and Maidenhead	152,358	155,406
Wirral	656,375	669,503
Wokingham	111,042	113,264
Wolverhampton	535,847	546,565
Worcestershire	573,086	584,550
York	191,321	195,148