

LOCAL AUTHORITY CIRCULAR

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To: The Chief Executive
County Councils)
Metropolitan District Councils) England
Shire Unitary Councils)
London Borough Councils
Common Council of the City of London
Council of the Isles of Scilly

CC: The Director of Children's Services

28 November 2006

LOCAL AUTHORITY CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUNDING: 2007-08

SUMMARY

1. This circular sets out the main aspects of the local government finance settlement for 2007-08 that are relevant to the funding provided for children's services.

2. A parallel letter, LASSL(2006)1¹, is being published by the Department of Health providing details of adult social care allocations, as well as information on a number of grants that support both adults and children's social care services, specifically: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Grant, Carers Grant, National Training Strategy Grant, Human Resources Development Grant and Improving Information Management Grant.

3. Details of the allocations for the General Sure Start grant (capital and revenue) and Transformation Fund were published in separate circulars on 5 December 2005 and 13 February 2006 respectively and 2007-08 allocations will be re-iterated in the 2007-08 GSSG Memorandum of Grant to be issued towards the end of this financial year. Children's Fund allocations were confirmed to CF Partnerships in April 2006 and allocations for Connexions will be confirmed shortly. Details of non schools education grants for 2006-08 are available at <http://www.teachernet.gov.uk>².

ACTION

4. This circular is for information only.

KEY FEATURES

5. The key features of the financial provision for local government children's services in 2007-08 are:

- Second year of 2-year settlement announced on 5 December 2005, providing increased stability and continuity in funding for children's services.
- Children's Services grant increased by £49.1 million (32%). This increase relates specifically to:
 - Funding to assist authorities to take forward the Every Child Matters reforms, which rises from £22.5 million to £63 million;

¹ <http://www.dh.gov.uk/PublicationsAndStatistics/LettersAndCirculars/LocalAuthoritySocialServicesLetters/AllLASSLs/fs/en>

² http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/management/schoolfunding/2006-07_funding_arrangements/

- £4.5 million to assist authorities meet the new duty (under Section 6 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006) to publicise and keep up to date information on local positive activities for young people;
 - £3.5 million to assist authorities meet the new statutory duty to identify children not receiving a suitable education; and
 - £600,000 to assist authorities meet the new duty (introduced by the Education and Inspections Act 2006) to consider and respond to parental representations about the provision of schools in their area.
- Information Sharing Index Project grant rises by £17.8 million to support the cost of pre-deployment and early stages of deployment of the Index in all authorities.

6. A breakdown of the funding provision available for children's services can be found at Annex A. Annex B sets out, where available, grant allocations for each authority for 2007-08. Annex C gives a brief description of the purpose of the grants and how they have been allocated.

7. Authorities will be notified shortly of further details of the grants, including any specific conditions, through a series of separate communications.

LOCAL AREA AGREEMENTS

8. Eighty seven local areas currently have Local Area Agreements (LAAs). These are made up of 21 phase one pilots, which started in April 2005, and 66 phase two agreements which began in April 2006. A further 63 areas are due to be part of phase three from April 2007. LAAs are voluntary agreements between central government and local authorities and their partners. They are focused on a range of agreed outcomes that are shared by all partners locally and will simplify the number of funding streams from central government through the pooling of agreed funding streams. LAAs are based on four separately funded and negotiated blocks: children and young people, safer & stronger communities, healthier communities & older people, and economic development & enterprise. A subset of areas will be 'single pot' LAAs which will have additional flexibility to pool funds across all four blocks.

9. From April 2007 a number of DfES funding streams will be automatically pooled in all LAAs. These funding streams are: Children's Services Grant, Primary National Strategy Central Co-ordination, Secondary National Strategy Central Co-ordination, Secondary National Strategy - Behaviour and Attendance, Neighbourhood Support Fund, Positive Activities for Young People, School Travel Advisors and the School Development Grant (LA retained element only). Additionally, local areas may wish to consider pooling the following grants in their LAAs for 2007-08: Teenage Pregnancy Local Implementation, Children's Fund, Extended Schools (Standards Fund), Connexions, School Improvement Partners and Education Health Partnerships. Further information about LAAs can be found in DCLG's guidance at www.communities.gov.uk.

WORKING WITH THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTORS

10. The Government expects that local authorities will take a strategic approach to the joint commissioning of services, in order to improve outcomes for children and young people. This will involve consideration of how to develop markets where there is currently little alternative provision, or where the voluntary and community sectors appear under-represented. It will include engaging voluntary and community sector partners in developing needs assessments and in the design of local programmes. Local authorities will want to consider what support they can offer to facilitate voluntary and community sector engagement. Children's social care funding may be used to build capacity and infrastructure in the voluntary and community sectors in pursuit of the objectives of the relevant grant. In working with partners through children's trusts, local authorities will want to consider options for pooling budgets in order to reduce the complexity of funding of the voluntary and community sectors and in order to find ways of joining up contracting processes.

CONSULTATION

11. If you have any comments or concerns about anything contained in this letter, please send them

to Paul.O'Connor@dfes.gsi.gov.uk by 30 December 2006.

CANCELLATION OF LETTERS

12. This circular should be cancelled on 31 March 2008.

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PROVISION FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILY SERVICES

	2006-07	2007-08
Specific Formula Grants	£m	£m
Children's Services Grant	152.485	201.585
Information Sharing Index Project	12.000	29.817
Publicising Positive Activities *	4.500	-
Total Unringfenced Grants	168.985	231.402
Ringfenced Revenue Grants		
General Sure Start Grant (revenue)	1047.976	1067.149
Connexions**	465.832	466.732
Children's Fund**	134.165	131.804
Positive Activities for Young People	39.000	39.000
Youth Opportunity Fund	31.000	31.000
Teenage Pregnancy Local Implementation	29.500	29.500
UASC Leaving Care Grant	***	***
Neighbourhood Support Fund	7.500	7.500
Budget Holding Lead Professional	3.745	4.375
Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care-Prevention	3.000	3.000
Parenting Early Intervention Grant	3.050	4.595
Total Ringfenced Revenue Grants	1764.768	1784.655
Non Schools Education Ringfenced Grants		
Extended Schools (Standards Fund)	76.000	76.000
Music Standards Fund	61.048	59.562
Primary National Strategy- Central Co-ordination	30.000	30.000
Secondary National Strategy- Central Co-ordination	35.000	30.000
Secondary National Strategy- Behaviour and Attendance	14.000	14.000
School Intervention Grant	15.000	15.000
14-19 Flexible Funding Pot	15.000	15.000
School Improvement Partners	7.000	14.956
Playing for Success	12.750	14.800
Education Health Partnerships	9.000	9.000
School Travel Advisers	7.000	7.000
Total Non Schools Education Grants	281.798	285.318
Capital Grants		
General Sure Start Grant	420.600	565.000
Integrated Children's System	15.000	20.000
Youth Capital Fund	26.500	26.500
Secure Accommodation Grant	6.228	6.228
Total Capital Grants	468.328	617.728

* Incorporated into the Children's Services grant in 2007-08

** Paid to Connexions and Children's Fund partnerships respectively or through Local Area Agreements

*** To be confirmed

PROVISIONAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR 2007-08

Local Authorities	Children's Services Grant (£m)	IS Index (£m)	Positive Activities for Young People (£m)	Youth Opportunity Fund (£m)	Youth Capital Fund (£m)	Teenage Pregnancy (£m)
Principal Metropolitan Cities						
Birmingham	6.451	0.364	1.217	0.785	0.679	0.644
Leeds	2.703	0.266	0.518	0.496	0.429	0.448
Liverpool	2.687	0.290	0.788	0.432	0.373	0.352
Manchester	3.013	0.294	0.618	0.345	0.298	0.471
Newcastle upon Tyne	1.302	0.172	0.218	0.180	0.155	0.171
Sheffield	1.962	0.223	0.694	0.330	0.285	0.344
Sub-Total	18.119	1.609	4.053	2.567	2.220	2.430

Local Authorities	Children's Services Grant (£m)	IS Index (£m)	Positive Activities for Young People (£m)	Youth Opportunity Fund (£m)	Youth Capital Fund (£m)	Teenage Pregnancy (£m)
Other Metropolitan Districts						
Barnsley	0.865	0.168	0.110	0.140	0.121	0.186
Bolton	1.174	0.246	0.427	0.187	0.162	0.199
Bradford	2.504	0.241	0.472	0.362	0.313	0.365
Bury	0.659	0.217	0.108	0.100	0.086	0.124
Calderdale	0.738	0.164	0.192	0.122	0.105	0.136
Coventry	1.339	0.187	0.369	0.214	0.185	0.274
Doncaster	1.765	0.183	0.196	0.209	0.181	0.330
Dudley	1.083	0.185	0.201	0.189	0.164	0.210
Gateshead	0.770	0.159	0.172	0.107	0.093	0.198
Kirklees	1.502	0.211	0.733	0.230	0.199	0.196
Knowsley	0.999	0.206	0.422	0.138	0.119	0.124
North Tyneside	0.744	0.160	0.171	0.111	0.096	0.150
Oldham	1.065	0.174	0.363	0.160	0.139	0.176
Rochdale	1.044	0.229	0.386	0.145	0.126	0.172
Rotherham	1.012	0.176	0.220	0.178	0.154	0.197
Salford	1.078	0.222	0.476	0.161	0.139	0.148
Sandwell	1.523	0.186	0.319	0.235	0.203	0.328
Sefton	1.109	0.243	0.289	0.173	0.150	0.130
Solihull	0.651	0.165	0.135	0.128	0.111	0.103
South Tyneside	0.725	0.151	0.169	0.111	0.096	0.155
St Helens	0.710	0.211	0.258	0.119	0.103	0.149
Stockport	0.866	0.244	0.335	0.160	0.138	0.133
Sunderland	1.176	0.178	0.231	0.201	0.174	0.318
Tameside	0.888	0.168	0.316	0.151	0.131	0.156
Trafford	0.731	0.166	0.165	0.108	0.093	0.113
Wakefield	1.170	0.189	0.116	0.196	0.170	0.263
Walsall	1.198	0.179	0.318	0.210	0.182	0.314
Wigan	1.054	0.253	0.268	0.190	0.164	0.211
Wirral	1.445	0.188	0.339	0.210	0.182	0.185
Wolverhampton	1.196	0.172	0.360	0.176	0.152	0.257
Sub-Total OMDs	32.785	5.820	8.635	5.122	4.431	6.000
Sub-Total Metropolitan	50.904	7.429	12.688	7.689	6.65	8.43

Local Authorities	Children's Services Grant (£m)	IS Index (£m)	Positive Activities for Young People (£m)	Youth Opportunity Fund (£m)	Youth Capital Fund (£m)	Teenage Pregnancy (£m)
Outer London						
Barking and Dagenham	1.202	0.163	0.366	0.126	0.109	0.123
Barnet	1.456	0.192	0.258	0.200	0.173	0.109
Bexley	0.870	0.170	0.148	0.133	0.115	0.111
Brent	1.871	0.174	0.513	0.178	0.154	0.134
Bromley	1.102	0.185	0.146	0.167	0.144	0.111
Croydon	1.871	0.198	0.418	0.208	0.180	0.273
Ealing	1.869	0.182	0.212	0.176	0.153	0.124
Enfield	1.632	0.184	0.422	0.196	0.169	0.151
Haringey	1.910	0.167	0.458	0.185	0.160	0.183
Harrow	0.977	0.166	0.133	0.116	0.100	0.095
Havering	0.764	0.169	0.126	0.123	0.106	0.109
Hillingdon	1.802	0.176	0.340	0.193	0.167	0.169
Hounslow	1.270	0.165	0.357	0.146	0.126	0.117
Kingston upon Thames	0.505	0.151	0.069	0.090	0.072	0.088
Merton	0.827	0.160	0.105	0.114	0.099	0.109
Newham	2.550	0.187	0.763	0.201	0.174	0.254
Redbridge	1.169	0.178	0.132	0.132	0.115	0.102
Richmond upon Thames	0.551	0.158	0.072	0.091	0.079	0.083
Sutton	0.719	0.160	0.154	0.114	0.099	0.099
Waltham Forest	1.529	0.170	0.472	0.173	0.149	0.125
Sub-Total Outer London	26.447	3.454	5.663	3.062	2.643	2.669

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Inner London						
Camden	1.857	0.159	0.509	0.129	0.112	0.108
City of London	0.037	0.122	0.044	0.050	0.050	*
Greenwich	1.866	0.171	0.460	0.208	0.180	0.170
Hackney	2.657	0.172	0.597	0.161	0.139	0.277
Hammersmith and Fulham	1.476	0.151	0.347	0.101	0.088	0.109
Islington	1.939	0.154	0.509	0.136	0.118	0.123
Kensington and Chelsea	1.230	0.153	0.324	0.131	0.114	0.091
Lambeth	2.756	0.173	0.567	0.165	0.142	0.337
Lewisham	2.218	0.174	0.586	0.198	0.171	0.314
Southwark	2.822	0.173	0.585	0.222	0.192	0.323
Tower Hamlets	2.764	0.169	0.640	0.212	0.184	0.178
Wandsworth	1.725	0.167	0.317	0.146	0.127	0.168
Westminster	1.543	0.156	0.546	0.157	0.136	0.099
Sub-Total Inner London	24.892	2.094	6.031	2.017	1.752	2.297
Sub-Total London	51.338	5.548	11.694	5.079	4.394	4.966

* Paid with Hackney

Local Authorities	Children's Services Grant (£m)	IS Index (£m)	Positive Activities for Young People (£m)	Youth Opportunity Fund (£m)	Youth Capital Fund (£m)	Teenage Pregnancy (£m)
Shire Counties						
Bedfordshire	1.252	0.209	0.048	0.227	0.197	0.137
Buckinghamshire	1.401	0.230	0.316	0.232	0.201	0.130
Cambridgeshire	1.679	0.243	0.106	0.287	0.248	0.155
Cheshire	1.771	0.373	0.342	0.343	0.297	0.191
Cornwall	1.570	0.223	0.081	0.256	0.222	0.194
Cumbria	1.387	0.302	0.341	0.271	0.235	0.290
Derbyshire	2.093	0.276	0.242	0.391	0.339	0.297
Devon	1.823	0.261	0.067	0.341	0.295	0.169
Dorset	1.054	0.200	0.057	0.186	0.161	0.120
Durham	1.774	0.218	0.479	0.310	0.268	0.362
East Sussex	1.573	0.223	0.104	0.273	0.236	0.186
Essex	4.042	0.406	0.337	0.710	0.614	0.369
Gloucestershire	1.621	0.241	0.171	0.291	0.252	0.189
Hampshire	3.064	0.387	0.166	0.594	0.514	0.325
Hertfordshire	3.157	0.355	0.191	0.597	0.516	0.245
Kent	4.477	0.421	0.352	0.734	0.635	0.501
Lancashire	3.768	0.365	1.443	0.658	0.569	0.613
Leicestershire	1.430	0.251	0.133	0.326	0.282	0.195
Lincolnshire	1.886	0.257	0.169	0.340	0.294	0.255
Norfolk	2.445	0.280	0.401	0.423	0.366	0.241
North Yorkshire	1.365	0.241	0.112	0.283	0.245	0.158
Northamptonshire	2.053	0.268	0.137	0.378	0.327	0.317
Northumberland	0.912	0.181	0.140	0.180	0.156	0.241
Nottinghamshire	2.283	0.278	0.289	0.457	0.396	0.343
Oxfordshire	1.586	0.250	0.178	0.346	0.299	0.160
Shropshire	0.689	0.179	0.062	0.144	0.124	0.113
Somerset	1.354	0.229	0.107	0.268	0.231	0.157
Staffordshire	2.087	0.287	0.201	0.451	0.390	0.302
Suffolk	1.904	0.264	0.188	0.343	0.297	0.179
Surrey	2.719	0.349	0.160	0.588	0.509	0.205
Warwickshire	1.337	0.229	0.159	0.265	0.230	0.187
West Sussex	1.961	0.278	0.148	0.389	0.336	0.198
Wiltshire	1.147	0.218	0.055	0.216	0.187	0.132
Worcestershire	1.463	0.235	0.151	0.282	0.244	0.179
Sub-Total Shire Counties	66.127	9.208	7.633	12.382	10.709	8.035

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Shire Unitary Authorities						
Bath & North East Somerset	0.464	0.155	0.035	0.094	0.081	0.090
Blackburn with Darwen	0.847	0.210	0.383	0.103	0.089	0.147
Blackpool	0.693	0.197	0.252	0.094	0.081	0.129
Bournemouth	0.571	0.150	0.035	0.090	0.072	0.099
Bracknell Forest	0.337	0.146	0.028	0.090	0.065	0.089
Brighton & Hove	0.978	0.166	0.112	0.141	0.122	0.151
Bristol	1.654	0.196	0.670	0.260	0.225	0.162
Darlington	0.446	0.142	0.045	0.090	0.065	0.096
Derby	1.032	0.172	0.296	0.150	0.130	0.141
East Riding of Yorkshire	0.769	0.186	0.105	0.159	0.137	0.179
Halton	0.612	0.194	0.114	0.095	0.082	0.106
Hartlepool	0.430	0.141	0.142	0.090	0.065	0.144
Herefordshire	0.490	0.157	0.050	0.090	0.076	0.099
Isle of Wight Council	0.473	0.147	0.025	0.090	0.072	0.093
Isles of Scilly	0.010	0.121	0.000	0.050	0.050	**
Kingston upon Hull	1.241	0.172	0.133	0.223	0.193	0.220
Leicester	1.587	0.185	0.259	0.241	0.209	0.160
Luton	1.037	0.166	0.219	0.130	0.113	0.114
Medway	0.956	0.180	0.053	0.150	0.130	0.129
Middlesbrough	0.781	0.151	0.172	0.134	0.116	0.173
Milton Keynes	0.892	0.173	0.251	0.131	0.114	0.125
North East Lincolnshire	0.678	0.156	0.085	0.127	0.110	0.216
North Lincolnshire	0.528	0.154	0.038	0.096	0.083	0.169
North Somerset	0.535	0.161	0.035	0.098	0.084	0.102
Nottingham	1.510	0.174	0.483	0.231	0.200	0.295
Peterborough	0.765	0.158	0.373	0.124	0.107	0.125
Plymouth	1.016	0.169	0.226	0.159	0.138	0.139
Poole	0.387	0.147	0.028	0.090	0.065	0.092
Portsmouth	0.837	0.158	0.234	0.127	0.110	0.152
Reading	0.598	0.149	0.376	0.091	0.078	0.113
Redcar and Cleveland	0.629	0.150	0.163	0.108	0.093	0.156
Rutland	0.146	0.129	0.009	0.050	0.050	0.024
Slough	0.622	0.148	0.381	0.090	0.066	0.096
South Gloucestershire	0.656	0.176	0.041	0.133	0.115	0.099
Southampton	0.960	0.162	0.157	0.139	0.120	0.187
Southend-on-Sea	0.688	0.155	0.080	0.094	0.082	0.106
Stockton-on-Tees	0.776	0.162	0.172	0.131	0.113	0.165
Stoke-on-Trent	1.003	0.169	0.182	0.159	0.138	0.233
Swindon	0.602	0.160	0.065	0.111	0.096	0.137
Telford and the Wrekin	0.676	0.159	0.103	0.103	0.089	0.138
Thurrock	0.682	0.155	0.081	0.091	0.079	0.107
Torbay	0.516	0.146	0.048	0.090	0.065	0.095
Warrington	0.578	0.218	0.080	0.102	0.088	0.113
West Berkshire	0.381	0.153	0.030	0.090	0.076	0.094

Windsor and Maidenhead	0.367	0.151	0.030	0.090	0.071	0.086
Wokingham	0.322	0.154	0.031	0.090	0.073	0.089
York	0.459	0.154	0.080	0.090	0.070	0.095
Sub-Total SUAs	33.215	7.632	6.986	5.600	4.746	6.069
Sub-Total Shires	99.343	16.840	14.618	17.982	15.455	14.104
ENGLAND TOTAL	201.585	29.817	39.000	30.750	26.500	27.500

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES GRANTS FOR 2007-08

Introduction

Below is a brief description of each of the children's grants, including the purpose of each grant and, if appropriate, the allocation basis. Further details of the purpose, conditions, expected outcomes to be achieved and, where appropriate, consultation arrangements will be announced as soon as possible in separate circulars.

Children, Young People and Families Revenue Grants

Children's Services Grant (£201.59m)

In line with DfES' commitment to streamline the number of separate grants paid to local authorities, a new Children's Services grant was created in 2006-07, bringing together a number of different funding streams. In 2007-08 the funding streams incorporated into the Children's Services grant are:

- New funding to assist authorities implement Every Child Matters (£63m);
- Choice Protects grant (£56m);
- Vulnerable Children's grant (£42m);
- Adoption Support and Special Guardianship grant (£31.99m); and
- New funding to take forward other new duties, specifically:
 - Publicising Positive Activities (£4.5m)
 - Children Missing Education (£3.5m)
 - Parental Representations (£0.6m)

To assist authorities in their budget planning, a full breakdown of the Children's Services grant, detailing the level of funding each authority has been allocated in 2007-08 for each element of the grant, can be found on the DfES website: <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies/cfcirculars.shtml#LAC>

The Children's Services grant, which is not ring-fenced, is provided to enable local authorities to improve services - in particular to:

Secure improved access to education for vulnerable children, in particular: to provide high quality education for those unable to attend school or whose circumstances make it difficult for them to do so, e.g. school age mothers, gypsy/traveller children, asylum seekers and young carers; support attendance, integration or reintegration into school; and provide additional educational support to enable vulnerable children to achieve their full potential.

Support the development and provision of services in line with the Adoption Support Services Regulations 2005 (which replaced the Adoption Support Services (Local Authorities) (England) Regulations 2003) and the Special Guardianship Regulations 2005. Both sets of regulations came into force on 30 December 2005. Adoption and special guardianship support services are defined by the respective set of regulations. The grant should be used to provide support services in line with the new regulations and in connection with the administrative costs of implementing these regulations.

Support local authorities in developing placement choice for looked after children, in order to increase placement stability and improve outcomes, particularly focusing on the strengthening and expansion of fostering services. Funding may also be used to develop more effective strategies for planning and commissioning provision for looked after children. Any such work should take account of the importance of a detailed assessment of the current and anticipated future needs of looked after children and the importance of a multi-agency approach in delivering placements and services. Particular consideration should be given to funding longer term commitments, notably the recruitment and retention of foster carers and measures to improve the allowances and other financial support which foster carers receive.

Further develop children's trusts and the role of Local Safeguarding Children Boards. Some of this funding can be used to support the establishment of new child death review processes. Local authorities are free to decide according to local priorities how much of this resource is for

safeguarding and how much for children's trusts.

Introduce new processes to support improved information sharing and assessment across agencies in children's services. This should include training, particularly multi agency training, to improve information sharing, implement the Common Assessment Framework and the Lead Professional and introduce effective multi agency working.

Support local authorities in publicising positive activities - to act on new responsibilities introduced by Section 6 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006. This legislation requires that local authorities secure young people's access to 'positive' leisure time activities, consult young people about local activities, and publicise and keep up to date information on local positive activities. The funding is intended to assist authorities in fulfilling the duty to publicise positive activities.

Support the administrative cost of implementing the **new statutory duty to make arrangements to identify children not receiving a suitable education.**

Support new duty to consider and respond to parental representations:

- The October 2005 Schools White Paper aims to put parents and the needs of their children at the heart of the school system. Accordingly, local authorities will need to ensure that they act as champions of pupils and parents as they take on their enhanced role as commissioners rather than providers of education.
- Section 3 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 amends the Education Act 1996 and places a new duty on local authorities to respond to parental representations about changes to the provision of schools in their area, including new schools. It is anticipated that this new duty will come into force in early summer 2007 and statutory guidance will be issued.
- Funding is provided to support local authorities in considering and responding to such representations. Where there is strong local support for a parent-promoted school and the parent promoters have secured approval from the Secretary of State to publish proposals outside a competition, it could also be used to provide expert advice and support to parents to develop their proposals.

The Adoption Support, Choice Protects, Children Missing Education, Parental Representations Duty and the new Every Child Matters elements of this grant have been allocated using the Children's formula. The element of the grant relating to Vulnerable Children has been allocated using the formula used in previous years, updated to take account of the latest data. The formula fuses the following factors: 55% of the resources have allocated on the basis of pupil numbers; 25% in proportion to the number of free school meals; and 20% on the basis of the number of gypsy/traveller children residing in each local area between 1999 and 2002. The element relating to Publicising Positive Activities has been allocated according to the Connexions grant formula, which allocates funds according to the size of the 13-19 year old population in each local authority area; and with a weighting for disadvantage. In addition, a floor and ceiling have been included to ensure that all authorities received a workable allocation.

Information Sharing Index Project (£29.82m)

This grant is provided to support implementation of the Information Sharing Index and builds on the £12m provided in 2006-07. Its intention is to support the cost of pre-deployment and early stages of deployment of the Index in all authorities. It will include elements to cover project management, communications with stakeholders, IT and HR support, data administration, some costs associated with preparing for access to the system by local practitioners, and costs to support modifications of local IT systems to interface with the Index. Additional funding will be provided for up to 17 early adopter local authorities, who will be given access to the Index four months before it is rolled out to other authorities.

£4,148,000 will be provided to the 17 early adopter authorities. Each authority will be given a flat rate grant of £152,000 with the balance of the £4,148,000 allocated on the basis of child population. £25,669,000 will be available for other authorities using the same formula as for the early adopters, with each receiving a flat rate of £120,625.

General Sure Start Grant (Revenue) (£1,067m)

The purpose of this grant is to support local authorities in the delivery of the Government's Ten Year Strategy for Childcare, *Choice for Parents: the best start for children* and in the case of Extended Schools, development by all schools of a core set of services as set out in the Extended Schools Prospectus. The Strategy sets out the Government's vision to ensure that every child gets the best start in life and that parents have more choice about how to balance work and family life.

Allocations are based on projected child populations together with weightings for rurality and disadvantaged areas, and an element based on Ofsted registered stock figures.

Sure Start Local Programme revenue funding was included within the General Sure Start Grant from 2006-07. With the exception of Round 1 programmes, 2006-07 allocations were pegged at 2005-06 levels. Round 1 programmes start to taper down to children's centres levels of funding from 2006-07. Round 2 programmes start to taper from 2007-08. Further details on these tapers were announced in the 2006-08 General Sure Start Grant allocation letter.

Connexions (£466.73m)

Connexions is the Government's support service for all young people aged 13 to 19 in England. It also provides support up to the age of 25 for young people who have learning difficulties or disabilities (or both). Through multi-agency working, Connexions provides information, advice, guidance and access to personal development opportunities for young people. It aims to remove barriers to learning and progression, and ensure young people make a smooth transition to adulthood and working life.

Allocated using the formula: 40% of the budget on the basis of the number of 13-19 year olds in the Partnership area and 60% on the basis of 4 indicators of need: GCSE results, numbers not in education and training, numbers unemployed and numbers claiming income support.

Children's Fund (£131.8m)

The Children's Fund is a universal, preventative service aimed at children aged 5-13 and connects Government initiatives that address social exclusion amongst children, young people and their families. It aims to shift the agenda from remedial to preventative action.

Allocations are based on a formula derived from the number of children in households claiming means-tested benefit/allowance (as defined by Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Family Credit and Disability Working Allowance).

Positive Activities for Young People (£39m)

The Positive Activities for Young People programme (PAYP) is a targeted programme which has provided diversionary and developmental activities since April 2003. Young people across the country aged 8-19, who are at risk of social exclusion and community crime, are able to participate in positive activities during the school holidays and access out of school activities throughout the year. Those young people who are most at risk are encouraged to engage in learning and/or employment with key worker support.

Youth Opportunity Fund (£31m)

The Youth Opportunity Fund is part of the wider policy agenda in the Youth Green Paper: Youth Matters to give young people more control and choice over the opportunities that are available in their area. The fund is to be spent at young people's discretion on projects to improve things to do and places to go in their area. This will support their personal and social development and help young people achieve the Every Child Matters outcomes.

The Youth Opportunities Fund is allocated using the distribution formula: 40% based on the 13-19 year old population in each authority and 60% based on additional needs as indicated by proxies (45% on GCSE results, 10% on no. of 18-24 year olds unemployed for 6 months and 5% on no. of 18-24 year olds claiming income support).

Teenage Pregnancy (£29.5m)

The purpose of the grant is to support the implementation and co-ordination of local teenage pregnancy strategies. Local action plans should reflect the planning guidance issued in July 2006 ("Teenage Pregnancy Next Steps: Guidance for Local Authorities and Primary Care Trusts on Effective Delivery of Local Strategies") and the forthcoming guidance on supporting teenage parents which will be issued early next year.

As well as grant allocations which will be paid to each local authority, £2m will be retained centrally in order to pay local authorities £750 for each participant recruited onto the community nurses and teachers PSHE certification programmes.

The money is allocated by a formula that reflects the under 18 conception rates and population sizes, the reduction in under 18 conception numbers that an area must achieve to reach their 2010 target, and funding for strategic and partnership working.

Further details will be available when the Local Authority Circular with the terms and conditions of the grant is issued. Further information on the national Teenage Pregnancy Strategy is available from the Teenage Pregnancy Unit's website www.teenagepregnancyunit.gov.uk.

Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) Leaving Care Costs (£tbc)

The purpose of the UASC Leaving Care Costs grant is to assist local authorities towards the costs of providing leaving care support to former relevant unaccompanied asylum seeking children. Further details will be included in a separate circular.

Neighbourhood Support Fund (£7.5m)

NSF funds activity based local projects that provide a programme of informal learning and self development for hard to reach young people with a view to re-engaging them with mainstream provision. The fund supports activities such as: training in literacy and numeracy skills, motivating activities such as the arts, sports and multi-media, outdoor and residential opportunities, health and self-image building projects, help with CVs, job searching and interviews.

The NSF is delivered in 40 of the most deprived local authority areas. These were selected on the basis of weighted criteria including, deprivation data (based on the 1998 DETR Index of Local Deprivation), levels of educational under-attainment, rates of post 16 participation in education and training, and areas hosting/piloting EMAs, New Deal for Communities, Excellence in Cities, Education Action Zones, and New Start. There are no plans to expand beyond these areas.

Budget Holding Lead Professional (£4.37m)

The purpose of this funding is to pilot budget holding lead professionals for the promotion of the welfare of children and their parents. Pilot authorities are funded to explore how far budget holding lead professionals can promote the development and delivery of targeted support and services for children and young people which are:

- More responsive to the immediate and longer term needs of children, young people and their families
- Based on a thorough assessment of need allied with a collaborative approach between users and practitioners on the support and services required to meet these

- Bringing decision making around additional services and support as close to the child, young person and family as possible
- Able to deliver an equitable approach to service delivery for all children, young people and their families who require such additional targeted support
- Developed as a coherent part of existing systems, organisational structures, accountability frameworks and commissioning processes for all children, young people and their families, and which in turn are able to impact on the responsiveness of these.

Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care-Prevention (MTFC-P) (£3m)

Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care-Prevention (MTFC-P) has been developed for pre-school aged foster children who may be at risk of long-term poor outcomes. The programme uses a team approach to address the risk factors and improve outcomes for the child through interventions in both foster home, birth family and community settings, including the use of a weekly playgroup. The MTFC-P grant in 2007-08 will be the second tranche of the grant awarded to successful bidders for the grant in 2006-07.

Parenting Early Intervention Grant (£4.59m)

The purpose of this funding is to roll out a series of pathfinders to test the delivery of three evidence based parenting programmes for parents of 8-13 year olds 'at risk' of anti social behaviour. There will be 15 pathfinders (plus 3 comparator areas, 2 control areas) to start in September 2006. The parenting programmes are Webster-Stratton's The Incredible Years, Triple P and Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities.

Children, Young People and Families Capital Grants

General Sure Start Grant (Capital) (£565m)

Capital funding should be directed towards the delivery of the Government's Ten Year Strategy for Childcare, Choice for parents: the best start for Children, and in the case of extended schools, towards supporting all schools developing a core set of services as set out in the Extended Schools Prospectus.

Local Authorities will have the freedom to decide how much capital to spend on each area i.e. children's centres, extended schools, free early years provision and to improve the quality, sustainability and accessibility of childcare services.

Allocations have been calculated using projected child population numbers, and for extended schools capital, using pupil populations data together with weightings for rurality and disadvantage areas.

Youth Capital Fund (£26.5m)

The Youth Capital Fund is a Youth Green Paper: Youth Matters, commitment to provide a line of Capital funding worth £53 million over 2 years from April 2006, for capital projects. This includes upgrading and building new facilities for young people. This fund is part of the wider policy of providing more choice over places to go and things to do and should form part of the strategy to give young people more control over the opportunities on offer. This will support their personal and social development and help young people achieve the Every Child Matters outcomes.

The Youth Capital Fund should be used in tandem with the Youth Opportunity Fund to shape new approaches to strategic investment in youth facilities from Local Authority capital budgets including investment with voluntary, community and private sector.

The Youth Capital Fund is allocated using the distribution formula: 40% based on the 13-19 year old population in each authority and 60% based on additional needs as indicated by proxies (45% on GCSE results, 10% on no. of 18-24 year olds unemployed for 6 months and 5% on no. of 18-24 year olds claiming income support).

Integrated Children's System Grant (£20m)

In light of the findings of the ICS Readiness Review DfES is reconsidering the scope and purpose of capital grant funding for ICS. DfES set out its proposals for the ICS grant 2007-08 in its letter dated 16 November 2006 addressed to Chief Executives and Directors of Children's Services. See <http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/ics/funding/> for a copy of the letter. DfES will be consulting with local authority representatives on these proposals. The new conditions may affect the provisional local authorities' allocations indicated in LASSL(2005)4.

Secure Accommodation (£6.23m)

This grant assists those authorities responsible for secure children's homes in the upgrade and refurbishment of those homes and to ensure that safety and security is maintained to the standard required by the Secretary of State.

Non Schools Education Grants

Extended Schools (Standards Fund) (£76m)

In addition to funding included in the General Sure Start Grant revenue to support the development of extended schools, funding will also be routed through the Standards Fund. LAs should join up these funding streams and release them to schools to help support the planning, development and delivery of extended services in accordance with the extended schools strategic plan they will have drawn up in consultation with schools and their partners. It should be allocated to schools in as unbureaucratic way as possible, avoiding time consuming and burdensome bidding rounds. The funding should be used to support the development of all aspects of the core offer of extended services in both primary and secondary schools. It can be used flexibly, for example, to kick start service or to appoint managers to work across a cluster of schools to develop extended services.

Music Standards Fund (£59.56m)

The Music Standards Fund may be used in any way which supports access to high quality music education for children in maintained schools. The additional funding in 06-07 and significant additional funding in 07-08 should be used to support schools to access instrumental and vocal tuition at Key Stage 2.

Primary National Strategy: Central Co-ordination (£30m)

This grant supports authorities' central co-ordination costs in delivering the next phase of the Primary National Strategy, including supporting the introduction of the revised Literacy and Mathematics Framework, including the follow-up to the Rose Review of early reading; continuing the focus on targeting underperforming schools and under-attaining pupils, and supporting the personalisation of learning and the curriculum.

The model for allocating this grant in 2007-08 is a change to the one used in previous years and supports our move towards a more flexible funding model which targets 'consultancy' support at authorities with greater numbers of low attaining pupils. The allocation model has three factors: an amount per authority to provide base funding for a minimum level of central coordination and support; an amount per school; and an amount per proportion of low attaining pupils in the authority.

To reflect our desire for authorities to have greater flexibility in determining how they can best use their central coordination grants, we are no longer hypothecating specific sums for particular purposes allowing authorities to use these grants as local circumstances and priorities dictate. Authorities have flexibility in the number of consultants and the allocation of consultancy support to schools but we do not expect to see any reduction, or redirection of the focus, in the provision of expertise to support schools in raising standards in literacy and mathematics. We encourage authorities to align consultancy support

with school-based practitioners to provide a more flexible and focussed school improvement resource for schools.

Provisional 2007-08 allocations were announced last year, but local authorities will receive a further reminder, along with details of local authorities who will be recruiting early reading consultants to support the Primary National Strategy's Communication, Language and Literacy Development (CLLD) programme.

Secondary National Strategy: Central Co-ordination (£30m)

This grant supports local authorities central co-ordination costs in delivering the next phase of the Secondary National Strategy, including continuing the focus on targeting underperforming schools and under-attaining pupils, and supporting the personalisation of learning and the curriculum.

We are no longer hypothecating specific sums for particular purposes allowing authorities to use these grants as local circumstances and priorities dictate. This reflects our desire for each authority to have greater flexibility in determining how it can best use its central coordination grants. Authorities have flexibility in the number of consultants and the allocation of consultancy support to schools but we do not expect to see any reduction, or redirection of the focus, in the provision of expertise to support schools in raising standards in the core subjects and ICT. We encourage authorities to align consultancy support with school-based practitioners to provide a more flexible and focussed school improvement resource for schools.

Provisional 2007-08 allocations were announced last year, but further details and guidance will be provided to local authorities shortly.

Secondary National Strategy: Behaviour & Attendance Central Co-ordination (£14m)

This grant continues to support local authorities in integrating Behaviour and Attendance into the Secondary National Strategy. The Steer Report emphasised the importance this consultancy support is making to supporting schools in addressing behaviour and attendance issues and authorities need to be mindful in ensuring that the support provided to schools takes account of issues raised in their self evaluation plans.

Provisional 2007-08 allocations were announced last year, but further details and guidance will be provided to local authorities shortly.

School Intervention (£15m)

The purpose of this grant is to provide support to local authorities to foster new and constructive support arrangements between strong and weak schools or other partners. Allocations are based on the number of schools each authority maintains.

14-19 Flexible Funding Pot (£15m)

This grant is to assist local authorities in supporting 14-19 partnerships in meeting the administrative and logistical costs of local collaborative working for the roll out of the 14-19 specialised diplomas from 2008. Allocations are based on the number of pupils aged 11-15 in each authority.

School Improvement Partners (£14.96m)

The School Improvement Partners (SIPs) grant is to provide financial assistance to an authority to support its management of the SIP function. Local authorities management of the SIP function includes contracting with SIPs; deploying them; developing SIPs professionally; and managing their performance. The SIP programme was rolled out to secondary schools in 3 waves, September 2005; April 2006 and September 2006. The grant also covers similar support, and evaluation activities, for authorities who in 2006-07 have taken part in a trial of SIPs in special schools and a pilot of SIPs in

primary schools. It also supports the roll out of the SIP programme to primary schools which starts from January 2007, and for special schools from September 2007. The funding is calculated on a per school formula. There are conditions of grant attached to the funding which help to ensure that authorities implement the SIP programme in accordance with ministerial policies, for example that SIPs should be nationally accredited and that in the secondary phase, a certain proportion of them should have head teacher experience. Authorities receive a condition of grant letter that sets out the funding conditions in full.

Playing for Success (£14.8m)

This grant is to establish and provide operational support to Playing for Success (*PfS*) Study Support Centres, in partnership with the relevant sports' clubs. DfES funding is routed through local authorities that have overall responsibility for managing the budgets locally. *PfS* funding from all partners is ring-fenced for *PfS* only. Further information about *PfS* can be found at <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/playingforsuccess>.

Education Health Partnerships (£9m)

This grant is to support the maintenance and development of local healthy schools programmes in meeting the requirements of the Healthy School Programme.

Allocation will be based on a flat rate of £20,000 per local authority, with the balance distributed by a combination of the number of maintained schools and the number of schools with 20%+ FSME in the authority.

Expenditure is likely to include:

- project co-ordinators/consultants costs;
- resourcing - materials, websites, training packs, guidance;
- continuing professional development - training, network meetings, cluster groups, learning sets, tailored school support;
- devolvement to schools to support activities such as parent workshops, pupil health panels, staff training, policy development, schemes of work development.

School Travel Advisers (£7m)

This grant to fund local authority based school travel advisers (STAs) whose function is to help schools prepare and implement school travel plans intended to promote and enable more sustainable travel to school. The grant is allocated to most authorities using a predetermined formula, which will be automatically pooled into Local Area Agreements from April 2007 (see para 8 above about LAAs). If you require any further information, please email school.travel@dfes.gsi.gov.uk