



Chief Social Work Officers
Directors of Finance

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Dear Colleague

WHOLE FAMILY WELLBEING FUNDING – 2021-22

I am writing to inform you of the details of a 2021-22 allocation of Whole Family Wellbeing Funding to your local authority. Details of the allocations are set out in the Annex.

As you may know, the Scottish Government's Programme for Government committed to investing £500 million in Whole Family Wellbeing Funding, over the lifetime of the Parliament, to help ensure that it will #KeepThePromise to improve person-centred holistic support for children and their families, with £50 million in 2022-23. We are currently engaging with partners on proposals for the design of the Whole Family Wellbeing Funding and, in particular, the framework for spend of £50m in 2022-23. In the meantime, as a visible signal of our commitment and as a precursor to the Whole Family Wellbeing Funding starting properly later this year, we are providing £3 million to local authorities and £275,000 to a small number of third sector organisations to provide cash support to families in financial and immediate need.

The purpose of the funding is to support low income families, including those with children who are looked after, or on the edge of care, and need help to pay for food, fuel and clothing and practical items needed in the home etc. It is the intention of the Scottish Government that funding is made available for Direct Aid (sections 12 and 22) budgets within social work departments in local authorities to support services for children, young people and their families. This will enable social workers to provide direct cash support based on assessments of the needs and strengths of individual families, and help prevent crisis interventions.

The funding has been allocated on the basis of the Scottish Welfare Fund distribution which uses the income deprivation element of Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). To enable flexibility, and carry over to 2022-23, the funding will be paid through a redetermination of the General Revenue Grant and paid in the last two weeks of March 2022.

Finally, local authorities will wish to have an awareness of how the aforementioned third sector organisations (Aberlour, Quarriers, Includem and Children 1st) in their area are spending their funding to avoid duplication, and maximise scale and spread of support.

I hope this is helpful, and if you have any questions, please contact mary.sloan@gov.scot.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Moffat". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'M'.

Jane Moffat

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Local Authority	Allocation
	£m
Aberdeen City	0.090
Aberdeenshire	0.076
Angus	0.054
Argyll & Bute	0.039
Clackmannanshire	0.033
Dumfries & Galloway	0.078
Dundee City	0.112
East Ayrshire	0.085
East Dunbartonshire	0.035
East Lothian	0.049
East Renfrewshire	0.029
Edinburgh, City of	0.204
Eilean Siar	0.012
Falkirk	0.083
Fife	0.203
Glasgow City	0.549
Highland	0.105
Inverclyde	0.064
Midlothian	0.045
Moray	0.037
North Ayrshire	0.106
North Lanarkshire	0.233
Orkney	0.007
Perth & Kinross	0.055
Renfrewshire	0.106
Scottish Borders	0.050
Shetland	0.006
South Ayrshire	0.063
South Lanarkshire	0.187
Stirling	0.037
West Dunbartonshire	0.072
West Lothian	0.096