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Flexible Homelessness Support Grant

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Flexible upfront funding for homelessness to replace Temporary Accommodation Management Fee

- From April 2017 the Temporary Accommodation Management Fee was replaced by a new DCLG grant – with increased overall funding – to give local authorities greater flexibility in managing homelessness pressures.
- £402 million over the first two years, allocations for 2019/20 to be announced this financial year.
- Allocated according to a formula which reflects relative homeless pressures and the costs of meeting them rather than numbers in TA, to reflect the wider purpose of the funding.
- Aimed to protect local authorities with high levels of temporary accommodation going into the new system.

HB / UC Housing Costs

- The housing cost element for TA continues to be paid by DWP - this is at 90% of the 2011 LHA rate, moving to standard LHA rates as Universal Credit digital is rolled out.
- In most areas this is significantly less than the current LHA rate.
- Shifts the balance in terms of the respective costs to authorities of TA and PRS prevention / PRSO.
- Aligns with new Homelessness Reduction Act duties to prevent and relieve.





£20m Homelessness Prevention Trailblazer

Background

- Announced in October 2016, 122 applications submitted.
- On December 21 the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State announced the successful areas - awarded £20,310,521million to 28 projects, working in 86 local authorities in every region in England.



Purpose

- To establish a network of ambitious Trailblazer areas across England to develop innovative approaches to preventing homelessness to help us to go further and faster with homelessness reform.
- To give local authorities the opportunity to get upstream of problems in their local area and work with more people to prevent their homelessness at an earlier stage.
- To develop a new central repository for evidence based best practice which can then be shared nationally.

Examples

- A variety of innovative approaches to preventing homelessness, e.g.
 - A multi-authority bid to deliver tailored support to over 1,000 PRS tenants considered at risk of homelessness.
 - Joining up data across police and health services to better identify and help people at risk of homelessness.
 - Collaborating across services to develop housing action planning, timely advice, early interventions and resilience across the population – Brighton and Hove.