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Subject: Syrian refugee funding update

Dear colleagues

Last week, Richard Harrington, the Minister for Syrian refugees, wrote to local authority leaders and chief executives to confirm the additional funding for local authority costs that was announced in the Spending Review.

Year 2 - £5000 per person
Year 3 - £3700 per person
Year 4 - £2300 per person
Year 5 - £1000 per person

The funding is to provide any additional social care, school and early years support, language and integration support beyond the first year of resettlement. It is unringfenced funding. The Minister has announced an 'extreme cases fund' with details to follow on how this is to be administered and accessed.

This funding is in addition to the **Year 1 unit costs** confirmed by Dr Emma Haddad (Home Office Director) in October - see below:

UNIT COST FOR SYRIA VPR SCHEME					
	Adult Benefit Claimant	Other Adults	Children 5-18	Children 3-4	Children U-3
	£	£	£	£	£
Local Authority Costs	8,520	8,520	8,520	8,520	8,520
Education	0	0	4,500	2,250	0
Special Educational Needs	0	0	1,000	1,000	0
DWP Benefits	12,700	0	0	0	0
Primary medical care	200	200	200	200	200
Secondary medical care	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
TOTALS	23,420	10,720	16,220	13,970	10,720

Local authorities will therefore receive the following unit costs:

Children under the age of 3: Unit cost = £8,520

Children aged 3-4: Unit cost = £11,770

Children aged 5-18: Unit cost = £14,020

Adults in receipt of mainstream benefits: Unit cost = £8,520

Other adults: Unit cost = £8,520

The Minister also confirmed that there is no special assistance beyond the funding above to meet the **higher housing costs in the South East**. He suggested that as the grant is unringfenced it could be used to top up housing costs, or Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) would be another option.

Home Office officials have also confirmed that they are working up their **monitoring and evaluation framework** for the programme as a whole, including what information and data (hard and soft) they will expect to be collected at a local level. The intervals indicated were at 3 months, 6 months, 9 months and 1 year. They are aiming to simplify what they recognise has been a very data intensive process for local authorities that have been in the scheme to date.

I'll keep you posted as developments occur. This is clearly still a 'work in progress' on Government's part. It would be helpful to pick up in our teleconference if local reality matches with central messages!

Kind regards

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