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 Helen Murray; John Ransford, Chief Executive; Brian.Kinney3@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]@londoncouncils.gov.uk; Cooke, Zena; james.mackintosh@kent.gov.uk
Subject: Further analysis of PWC differences
Attachments: PWC Comp.xls(21KB)

And here is the full analysis from James of the differences between the latest data and the PWC report.

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From: [REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk]
Sent: 06 June 2008 12:35
To: [REDACTED]@londoncouncils.gov.uk
Cc: Emma Jenkins, LGA Policy
Subject: RE: Care Leaver Costs 2007-08 and 2008-09

[REDACTED]

I have compared PWC report to recent submission and there is not a vast difference between the two.
 Kent has increased by £9k,
 Hillingdon has decreased by £670k
 Oxfordshire has increased by £266k (from headroom of £73k to shortfall of £193k)
 Solihull has increased by £114k

I will check with Oxfordshire and Solihull, but would guess that:
 Oxfordshire - more accurate calculation of their costs has increased costs and income has reduced to reflect amount of clients
 DCSF refused to pay for in 2006-07.

Solihull - unit costs have increased in last 6 months.

Attached is a summary showing changes from PWC report.
 Also revised summary with Oxfordshire's 2008-09 forecast.

Please give me a ring if you want to discuss.

Regards,
 [REDACTED]

Comparison of Asylum Spend by Local Authorities

18 + Year Old

	2007 - 2008		
	Kent	Oxfordshire	Hillingdon
Number of Clients at start of period	471	101	704
Number of Clients at end of period	545	111	786
Number of weeks support	24,440	5,408	32,819
Direct placement costs (£)	4,277,191	129,389	6,385,217
Direct non-placement costs (£)	524,925	432,000	892,596
Departmental/Corporate recharges (£)	150,099		438,665
TOTAL SPEND (£)	4,952,215	561,389	7,716,478
Grant Income	2,314,000	368,000	3,151,871
Other Income	-		1,100,000
TOTAL INCOME (£)	2,314,000	368,000	4,251,871
Funding Shortfall	2,638,215	193,389	3,464,606
UNIT COST (£ per week)	202.63	103.81	235.12
Funding Shortfall per PWC report	2,629,000	- 73,000	4,135,000
Increase/Decrease	9,215	266,389	- 670,394

Solihull	Total
97	1,373
114	1,556
5,928	68,595
710,173	11,501,970
227,256	2,076,777
241,459	830,223
1,178,888	14,408,970
462,800	6,296,671
	1,100,000
462,800	7,396,671
716,088	7,012,299
198.87	210.06
602,000	7,293,000
114,088	- 280,701

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From: Ian Beattie [Ian.Beattie@eera.gov.uk]
Sent: 15 April 2009 17:08
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; Helen Murray
Subject: RE: 18+ Grant Claim - Invalid Cases

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Hi [REDACTED]

This is the first I've heard of this. I'm on annual leave from tomorrow onwards but I can pick it up when I get back next week.

If you could find out in the meantime if it was part of the grant conditions that would be very helpful.

The ADCS Asylum Taskforce meet on the 5th May so the issue could be raised there if there is a case to be made with UKBA regarding the grant conditions.

I'm back in the office next Tuesday if you'd like to discuss then.

Regards,

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@haringey.gov.uk]
Sent: 15 April 2009 09:47
To: Ian Beattie
Subject: FW: 18+ Grant Claim - Invalid Cases

Morning Ian

I am forwarding this in the absence of [REDACTED]

Is this an issue you are familiar with?

[REDACTED]

Leaving Care and Asylum service
Acting Service Manager Referral and Assessment Service Children and Families London Borough of Haringey tel; [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@londoncouncils.gov.uk]
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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]@lga.gov.uk
Subject: RE: 18+ Grant Claim - Invalid Cases

Hi [REDACTED]

I have actually left London Councils now but haven't wandered too far - I'm over at the LGA working on children's policy (new email copied above).

This isn't an issue that has been raised with me but I guess my first question would be whether this change was reflected in the grant conditions. If it was, it limits what we can do about it although we are about to launch our next batch of funding discussions with the Home Office.

Ian Beattie has been working on this for the LGA so it would be worth dropping him a line. His contact details are below and he would know whether others have raised this.

[REDACTED]
Ian Beattie

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Sent: Thu 09/04/2009 09:53
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 18+ Grant Claim - Invalid Cases

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope this finds you well.

I am hoping you may be able to assist me regarding the 18+ (Yrs) Grant Claim.

We have recently submitted out Apr-Sept 08 18 + claim, however the Home Office are suggesting that if the applicant's status expired before they made an 'application for further leave' they would not pay them and would treat them as invalid. We have informed them that we do not agree as this was not the practice of the DCSF, especially as for some of these young adults the failings are on the parts of the solicitors and not because the clients themselves haven't co-operated, or even perhaps because they are in prison and getting the right immigration legal support can prove difficult.

Their response was to acknowledge this and that other LA's have raised this but that this is their decision.

Are you aware of this - have other LA's raised this. Do you know of any work going on to rectify this as very concerning in budget terms?

I'd be grateful for any information/advice.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]
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Leaving Care and Asylum Service
[REDACTED]

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From: Ian Beattie [Ian.Beattie@eera.gov.uk]
Sent: 09 April 2009 12:52
To: Councillor Roger Lawrence
Cc: Helen Murray
Subject: Taskgroup minutes
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Dear Cllr Lawrence,

Please find a draft of the meeting's minutes for your approval.

Regards,

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Notes of Decisions Taken and Actions Required

LGA Asylum and Refugee Task Group**2 April 2009, LGA London****Present:****Chair:** Cllr Roger Lawrence**Members:** Cllr Basil Curley (North West), Cllr Roger Hutchinson (South West), *Cllr Fiona Martin (East Mids), Cllr Olivia Rowley (Yorkshire & Humberside), Cllr David Simmonds (London), Cllr Paul Watkins (South East)

* Cllr Martin substituting for Cllr Armstrong

Officers: Nadeem Ahmad (North East), Ian Beattie (LGA & East of England), Lesley Carr (South East), Helen Murray (LGA), John Price (South West), Nicola Rea (North West), Sarah Short (East Midlands), Rob Warm (Yorkshire & Humberside)**Attendees:** Paul Darling, Tom Greig (Home Office)
Mike Reed, James Undy (DCLG)
John Vine (UKBA Chief Inspector)
Olvia Fellas (Islington BC and NRP Network)**Apologies:** Cllr Ken Armstrong (East Midlands), Cllr Jean Jones (COSLA), Cllr Andy Matchet (West Midlands), Cllr Michael McNestry (North East), Cllr Aled Roberts (Wales)

David Barnes (West Midlands), Rob Guile (South West), Anne Hubbard (Wales), Derek Mitchell (COSLA)

1. Matters arising from the last minutes

- The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the previous meeting. There were no matters arising.

2. Presentation on the work of the DCLG Migration Division

- Mike Reed (Deputy Director) and James Undy (Head of Integration Policy) gave an overview of the work of the DCLG Migration Division. A copy of the presentation was included with the meeting papers.
- Cllr Simmonds asked for clarification regarding the purpose of the Migration Impacts Fund. Mike Reed and James Undy stated that the aim of the fund was to help alleviate some of the pressures that host communities experience as a result of migration. The fund would, in most instances, be delivered via LSPs to support local services.
- **Action: Mike Reed to forward a MIF briefing to Ian Beattie for onward distribution to Taskgroup members.**
- Nadeem Ahmad stated that Government Offices needed to engage with Strategic Migration Partnerships to ensure that regional circumstances were taken into account during the funding allocation process. Mike Reed stated that there was an expectation that Government Offices would consult with SMPs to ensure that this was the case.

3. General Update from UKBA

- Paul Darling stated that funding had been agreed to enable local authorities to develop service models/specifications to become 'specialist providers' as part of the UASC Reform Programme. UKBA have written to Strategic Migration Partnerships outlining an action plan and timeframe to deliver the UASC Reform Programme.
- Cllr Simmonds stressed the need to resolve the 'post-18 funding issues' before the Reform Programme could progress.
- Paul Darling stated that UKBA are waiting for the completed returns from local authorities in order to finalise and settle UASC funding grants for 2008/09.
- Paul Darling explained that the 'unavoidable costs' incurred by local authorities during the Case Resolution Directorate (CRD) project have been paid for 2007/08 and have been approved for 2008/09. Payment for 2008/09 costs should be received imminently.
- Cllr Watkins stated that there had been an increase in the numbers of UASCs presenting in the South East.
- **Action: Ian Beattie to collate data from all regions to see what the national trends are for new UASC presentations.**
- The RSMP review will be presented to the UKBA Regional Directors on the 21st April and then shared with RSMP managers at the end of April to ensure accuracy and seek any further clarification.

4. **No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF): Financial Implications for Local Authorities**

- Olivia Fellas gave an overview of the report and stated that a meeting had been held with Lin Homer, the Chief Executive of UKBA, to discuss the report on the 20th February.
- Ian Beattie stated that Lin Homer had agreed to follow-up the meeting with a formal UKBA response to the issues raised but, to date, the response had still not been received. Members agreed that the response was urgently required in order for the Taskgroup to undertake an informed discussion about the report and formulate a formal response.
- **Action: Ian Beattie to contact Lin Homer's office and request that the response be provided as soon as possible.**

5. **Presentation from John Vine on the role of the UKBA Chief Inspector**

- John Vine gave an overview of his role (a brief overview of the role was included with the meeting papers).
- The UKBA Chief Inspector is an independent statutory post with a UK wide remit.
- The Inspection Plan was launched on the 2 April and is available at: <http://www.ociukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/inspection-programme/>
- The Chief Inspector will also have responsibility for Customs and Exercise after the new Bill (the inspection responsibility currently rests with Police Inspectorate).
- The Chief Inspector stated that the LGA Taskgroup was a key stakeholder and looked forward to working with the members in the future.

6. **AOB**

- **Action: Ian Beattie to produce a brief report on the work of the Taskgroup for the next Wellbeing Board.**
- Cllr Watkins stated that the title of the Taskgroup name should now reflect its wider remit i.e. asylum, refugee integration and migration.
- **Action: Taskgroup to review its name at the next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held at the LGA on the 18th June 2009, 11.00-13.00 in room 7.1/7.2.