

Appendix 2d: Other Audits and Grant Claims

Supporting Families Programme – January to March 2023

Objective

To assess compliance with the terms and conditions of the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) Programme Guidance for making Payment by Result (PBR) claims for the year April 2022 to March 2023 in respect of the 2021-22 Supporting Families Programme (2021-22 Programme Guidance remains valid until replaced by the new Outcomes Framework and Programme Guidance).

Background

The new phase of the programme aims to build resilience by providing whole family support at the earliest possible point and help prevent escalation into statutory services. The Council has agreed to achieve measurable outcomes with a minimum of 199 families assisted by March 2023 under this Programme.

Internal Audit are required to review a minimum of 10% of claims to ensure there is suitable evidence to support the payment by results claim.

Summary and Conclusion of work

Between January and March 2023, 81 PBR claims were presented to audit, prior to submission to the DLUHC.

Internal Audit reviewed a sample of eight cases which covered a representative sample of the claims outlined above. Two claims had to be removed from the claim because they had previously been claimed for by the Council, however two additional claims were audited and for all other claims audited suitable evidence was available to support a PBR claim for:

- entry into the programme; and
- a claim for significant and sustained progress against all problems identified at the point of engagement and during intervention.