

### MANAGEMENT ACTION NOTE 07: Changes to financial spend authorisation limits.

#### CONTEXT

Changes have been made (6 April 2020) to increase the expenditure authorisation limits in children's social care services to ensure that vulnerable children in the community as well as those who looked after can receive the right level of care and support at the right time without unnecessary delay caused by low-level authorisations needing to be signed off by other managers.

The following changes to the spend authorisation limits come into place with immediate effect:

**Incidental spend** across children's social work – current limits increased.

Social Worker / Personal Adviser	raised from £25 to <b>£75**</b>
Assistant/Team Manager	raised from £100 to <b>£500</b>
Area manager / Operations Manager	maintained at £1000 ( <i>with team managers able to authorise up to £500</i> )
Locality Directors / Senior Managers	raised from £1,900 to <b>£3,000</b>

**Packages of care**, including adoption and SGO allowances

Team Manager	maintained at <b>£530/wk</b>
Area Manager	maintained at <b>£1000/wk</b>
Locality Directors/Senior Managers	raised from £1,900 to <b>£2,500/wk</b>
Head of Service	raised from £5,000 to <b>£7,500/wk</b>
Chief Officer	amounts over <b>£7,500/wk</b>

\*\* Social Workers and Personal Advisers will not immediately see the change in Eclipse and so their limit will remain at £25 for a short period of time whilst a technical fix is applied to Eclipse.

Actions Agreed	Manager Responsible
Spend limits in Eclipse to be updated.	Senior Manager (Workforce Development)
Information to be cascaded to teams.	Locality Director/Senior Manager, and Area Managers.

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