Additional funding for youth work approaches to emotional mental health and wellbeing support

Additional funding of £2.5m is to be allocated across 22 local authorities based on the formula used with the Youth Support Grant. Annex A details the funding levels per local authority.

* The additional funding is to be utilised for revenue costs only.
* Funding must be allocated via youth work approaches to support the mental health and wellbeing of young people aged 11-25. This should include a focus on developing resilience through non-clinical/community support.
* Local authorities must work with, and fund, the voluntary sector, to deliver services across the local authority area. This can be a minimum of one, but with no maximum number of voluntary services, where smaller projects or pieces of work would reach a harder to reach or more vulnerable or disadvantaged group.
* Voluntary organisations must form an integral part of producing the work plan and be involved in the design and delivery of the service.
* Workplan to be submitted **by 21st September 2021** and must be signed by BOTH the Local Authority and Voluntary Organisations that have been engaged.
* Funding can be used to provide additional support to existing provision, but the additionally must be evidenced. There must be no double funding, either with the Youth Support Grant, or any other funding streams.
* The funding can be used flexibly to best respond to local needs. However local authorities should consider how the funding could be used to target vulnerable young people as well as those in harder to reach areas, to ensure young people with protected characteristics and from a wide range of backgrounds are aware of and can access services and support. It is hoped that engaging with additional young people at this stage may encourage more engagement with more routine services.
* Local authorities must inform their mental health partnership boards of the additional provision and identify how activities provided with this funding are complementary or additional to existing emotional mental health support services in their area.
* Consideration should be given to targeting transition years, from primary to secondary school, then again at age 16 -18 as young people leave school/post-16 education and look at employment, training or further/higher education options.
* Consideration should be given to the provision of Welsh language support.
* All funding must be spent in this financial period (2021/22) and no future additional funding has been identified.
* Monitoring reports submitted with the claims must evidence collaborative working and clearly illustrate the outcomes achieved.

Annex A

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| **Local Authority** | **Additional Funding amount** |
| Ynys Mon | £47,500 |
| Gwynedd | £102,500 |
| Conwy | £80,000 |
| Denbighshire | £75,000 |
| Flintshire | £117,500 |
| Wrexham | £107,500 |
| Powys | £85,000 |
| Ceredigion | £62,500 |
| Pembrokeshire | £92,500 |
| Carmarthenshire | £142,500 |
| Swansea | £210,000 |
| Neath Port Talbot | £112,500 |
| Bridgend | £110,000 |
| The Vale of Glamorgan | £100,000 |
| Rhondda Cynon Taff | £200,000 |
| Merthyr Tydfil | £50,000 |
| Caerphilly | £147,500 |
| Blaenau Gwent | £55,000 |
| Torfaen | £72,500 |
| Monmouthshire | £62,500 |
| Newport | £125,000 |
| Cardiff | £342,500 |
|  | £2,500,000 |