



Department
for Work &
Pensions

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Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP
House of Commons

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Dear Sir Stephen,

Following the Work and Pensions Select Committee's (WPSC) 25th report on Universal Credit and Childcare in 2019, my Department committed to provide an annual breakdown of Flexible Support Fund (FSF) expenditure based on area level expenditure figures.

I am happy to say we are now in a position to provide this information for 2022/23 given our Annual Report and Accounts has been signed off by the National Audit Office.

Spend data for 2022/23 is based on the FSF categories that were collected in that year, which include childcare costs as a separate spend item, following the Committee's recommendation.

The financial information is provided in the attached document below.

I hope you and the WPSC will find this information useful.

Kind regards,

Jo Churchill MP
Minister for Employment

Annex A

Department for Work and Pensions FSF Expenditure 2022-23	
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Flexible Support Fund Expenditure by Region £'000

Region	Total
South	10,683
London & Essex	8,729
Scotland	5,530
Central	6,921
Wales	2,400
North West & North Central	16,519
North East	5,255
Other	298
Total	56,335

Source : Hyperion

Figures have been rounded to the nearest thousand.

The data provided in the above table forms part of the expenditure position reported within the DWP Annual Report & Accounts 2022-23.

Flexible Support Fund Expenditure by Category £'000

Category	Total
Partnerships	10,189
Removing Barriers	25,483
Training	16,763
Childcare	3,644
Other	256
Total	56,335

Source : Hyperion

Figures have been rounded to the nearest thousand.

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