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Dear Debbie,

Thank you for your letter on 13 January asking for further detail on allocations for the Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF). I am responding as the lead minister for the Fund. Please see below responses to your requests.

**1. Upon what formula will the Department allocate funding for the new Crisis and Resilience Fund? How will allocations take into consideration funding required for Discretionary Housing Payments?**

Core CRF allocations are based on the latest population data and the 2025 Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD), ensuring funding is targeted to areas with the greatest current need. As well as updating the underlying data sources, more weighting has been given to deprivation in the CRF allocation methodology compared to the Household Support Fund. This means funding is now more closely aligned with deprivation levels.

Housing Payment allocations for years 1 and 2 of the schemes mirror Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) allocations for 2025/26. In year 3 of the CRF, Housing Payment allocations have been updated based on the latest available administrative data in September 2025 on shortfalls and deductions due to the Benefit Cap, Local Housing Allowance and Removal of the Spare Room subsidy.

This ensures that funding is available to those facing the most acute housing need. We are also accounting for the transition in schemes for rural areas, with a separate 'rural pot' being retained for support for those living in the most rural Authorities where alternative housing supply may be more limited.

## **2. When will the Department publish allocations for the Crisis and Resilience Fund?**

Provisional allocations for the CRF were published on 18 December 2025. You can view the provisional allocations here: [Allocations tables for all consolidated grants from 2026-2027 to 2028-2029 - GOV.UK](#).

Allocations for the Housing Payments can be viewed in Annex E of the CRF's guidance here: [Crisis and Resilience Fund: Guidance for local authorities in England \(1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029\) - GOV.UK](#).

Due to an identified error in the IMD figures which allocations are partly based on, these allocations will change slightly when the final Local Government Settlement is published in early February 2026. We have communicated to Authorities that they should treat provisional allocations as indicative only and avoid making firm plans until final figures are confirmed.

## **3. Will funding for Discretionary Housing payments be ring-fenced?**

A ring-fence will apply to the overall CRF only; individual components of the Fund will not be formally ring-fenced within this. However, in recognition of the importance of funding specifically for housing, the grant funding conditions instruct Authorities to make Housing Payments to support those needing help with housing costs who are entitled to a qualifying benefit. Funding has been specifically allocated on this basis.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Diana Johnson', with a stylized, flowing script.

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