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Dear Andrew,

The Troubled Families Programme was due to end in March 2020, but it is testament to the hard work of the teams across Greater Manchester and the outcomes families have achieved, that it will now continue. We are now commencing work with new Ministers, local government and your partners to scope out the future direction of the programme in the light of this Government's manifesto commitment to 'improve the Troubled Families programme'.

In the meantime, this letter gives detail of the funding available to Greater Manchester to continue delivery of the current Troubled Families Programme in 2020/21 as announced yesterday. We really appreciate colleagues' patience and continued commitment to the programme in advance of the budget being confirmed. We hope this additional year of funding will help you go further and faster in achieving Greater Manchester's early help vision for families.

The overall funding allocation for the Troubled Families Programme for the next financial year is equal to this year's budget, enabling us to provide outcomes payments for another 92,000 families. Extending a fixed term, outcomes-based funding model for a further year has been challenging but we have endeavoured to stay true to core programme principles including the need for a focus on service transformation.

We are pleased to confirm that Ministers have agreed to continue the devolved arrangements for Greater Manchester subject to the agreement of an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to cover the additional year of funding. The budget for your area has been calculated in exactly the same way as for areas operating within the Payment by Results framework, however it will be paid in accordance with the terms of the updated MOU. The funding envelope for all areas has been calculated as follows:

- Up front attachment fees will be the same as this year, at 5% of your five-year allocation.
- Service transformation grant is increased to 40% of your five-year allocation¹, to support a greater focus on transformation. This means areas will receive double their usual annual amount.
- Ministers are still strongly committed to Payment by Results as a key element of the programme and so, funding for successful and sustained outcomes will remain the same at £800 per family and capped at 23% of your current five-year allocation.

Thank you again for your support for the Troubled Families Programme. We look forward to working with you over the coming year, it is due to you and your teams that we go into the next financial year on such a positive footing.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Burkitt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nick Burkitt

¹ The five-year allocation of service transformation grant does not include 'troubled families coordination grant' made available to early starter authorities prior to the national roll out of the programme in April 2015.