Department for Education

Checking eligibility for the Early Years Pupil Premium

Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
Income Support
Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC)
the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
Child Tax Credit
Working Tax Credit

Home Office (HO)
Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

LA inputs adult's Date of Birth and National Insurance Number into ECS

Eligibility Checking Service (ECS)

YES

NO

What is the ECS?
The Eligibility Checking Service is a tool owned by the Department for Education which accesses HMRC and DWP out of work benefit and tax credit information. Local authorities will input the parent or guardian's name, national insurance number and date of birth into the Eligibility Checking Service and this information will be searched to confirm that the parent is in receipt of a qualifying benefit. If so then the Eligibility Checking Service will display a 'found' result.

The Eligibility Checking Service will not indicate which benefit the parent is in receipt of and no search footprint will be left; this ensures the service is secure and proportionate and that personal information is protected.