



North Tyneside Council

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**Request:**

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), for a copy of the documents containing the following information:

Details of the lowest, highest and average weekly fee rates agreed with external suppliers of Independent Foster Care Services for the current year (2018/2019).

**See attached Framework Pricing Structure - all 2018/19 placements are with framework providers**

Details of the lowest, highest and average weekly fee rates paid to local authority carers.

**See attached FEES 2018/19**

(Please note that for questions 1 and 2, we do not require details of all rates paid to individual suppliers, simply minimum, maximum and average rates payable.)

Details of the rates of each tier for independent fostering agencies (if there is a framework agreement in place), or confirmation that tier rates have not changed from the previous year.

**See attached Framework Pricing Structure**

The number of looked after children in foster care as at 31 March 2018 and of those children, the percentage looked after by independent foster agencies.

**There were 216 children in foster care at 31st March 2018, 9.3% were with Independent fostering agencies.**

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