



Reference: RFI 1706080

Request:

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

1. Details of the lowest, highest and average weekly fee rates agreed with external suppliers of Independent Foster Care Services for the current year (2017/2018).

Please see the following framework pricing structure. The average paid during 2017/18 is not held by the Authority.

Level 1 – Mainstream placement	Standard weekly fee	Retention weekly fee
Age 0 – 4	£680.00	£340.00
Age 5 – 10	£700.00	£350.00
Age 11+	£730.00	£365.00
Level 2 – Mainstream with additional needs Placement	Standard weekly fee	Retention weekly fee
Age 0 – 4	£740.00	£370.00
Age 5 – 10	£760.00	£380.00
Age 11+	£820.00	£410.00
Level 3 – Intensive support placement	Standard weekly fee	Retention weekly fee
Age 0 – 4	£900.00	£450.00
Age 5 – 10	£980.00	£490.00
Age 11+	£980.00	£490.00
Specialist placements	Standard weekly fee	Retention weekly fee
Parent and Baby	£1,200.00	£600.00
Parent and Baby Assessment	£1,500.00	£750.00
Specialist arrangements	Standard weekly fee	Retention weekly fee
Staying Put	£340.00	nil
Solo Placements where a ‘bed blocking’ situation occurs	1 x equivalent pricing fee identified against the assessed needs of	50% of total weekly fee as calculated in 1.6 of the Core Cost

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	<p>the child / young person, as set out in 1.6 of the Pricing Schedule</p> <p>+</p> <p>Plus the equivalent of the Foster Carers element only at band level one for each Void Placement (up to the maximum of two) at the time the Solo Placement is to start.</p>	Specification.
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2. Details of the lowest, highest and average weekly fee rates paid to local authority carers.

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

Carers who receive a fee:

Mainstream Carers	weekly fee £90.00 £60 teen fee when young person aged 11+ in placement
Assessment and Remand Carers	weekly fee £250 Additional weekly fee of £125.00 for 2 nd placement
Adolescent Specialist Placement Carers	No Placement weekly fee £350 Placement weekly fee £350 + £250 = £600.00
Specialist Carers	weekly fee £365.78
Sibling Carers	weekly fee £150.00 Additional weekly fee of £75.00 per second & subsequent children (only when child placed)
Mother & Baby Placements	additional Fee of £90.00 for baby
Chrysalis Carers	weekly fee £500.00
Long Term Carers	weekly fee £90.00 (only when child placed)

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Contract Carers for children with disabilities	Weekly fee £90.00
Shared Care/Respite Carers	Carers who receive pro-rata of £90.00 fee when child placed.

3. Percentage increase in weekly fee rates, which were awarded to the previous year's levels.

No increase from previous year.

4. Details of the rates of each tier (if there is a framework agreement in place).

See response to Q1.

5. The number of looked after children in foster care as at 31 March 2017 and of those children, the percentage looked after by independent foster agencies.

221 Looked After Children in foster care as at 31/03/17

32 Looked After Children placed with independent foster agency foster carers

= 14% LAC looked after by IFAs