



Reference: RFI 1705033

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding Fostering placements for Looked After Children. Please provide answers on the attached and accompanying spreadsheet.

1. Who, within the Local Authority, has commissioning responsibility for fostering placements for Looked After Children? Please provide the following:

- a. Name – Rebecca Bacon
- b. Job title –Commissioning Manager
- c. Direct phone number - 01916438696
- e. Email address – Rebecca.bacon@northtyneside.gov.uk

2. Please provide a list of preferred independent fostering agencies. By 'preferred' we mean those agencies that would be considered and chosen for placements on a preferential basis by the council.

A1 Foster Care
Acorn House (Fostering Services)
Action for Children Fostering
Barnardos
By the Bridge North West Ltd
Capstone Foster Care (North) Ltd
Children's Family Trust (The)
Five Rivers Childcare Ltd
Foster Care Associates
Foster Care Solutions
Foster Cares Ltd
St Cuthberts Care (Fostering North East)
Fostering Outcomes
Fostering People Ltd
Fostering Solutions
Futures for Children
National Fostering Agency Ltd, The (NFA Ltd)
Reach Out Care Ltd
SWIIS Foster Care Ltd
TACT
Team Fostering
The Fostering Company
UK Fostering
Welcome Foster Care
Young Foundations Fostering

3. Please provide the following fee related information:

a. The current 2017/18 fee for foster parents (i.e. the pay foster parent would receive)

Carers who receive a fee:

Mainstream Carers	weekly fee £90.00
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

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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)
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.

b. The current 2017/18 amount given for basic fostering allowances.

Age	Weekly Fostering Allowance Standard	Birthday Allowance	Christmas/Religious Festival Allowance	Holiday Allowance
0 – 4	134.49	134.49	134.49	134.49 x2
05– 10	147.84	147.84	147.84	147.84 x2
11 – 15	184.05	184.05	184.05	184.05x 2
To Carer for 16+	141.68	184.05	184.05	184.05 x 2
To Young Person 16+	40.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Assessment				Dependent on placement length
To Carer for 16+	141.68	184.05	184.05	
To Young person 16+	40.00	N/A	N/A	
Remand		Dependent on YP individual circumstances	Dependent on YP individual circumstances	N/A
To Carer for 16+	141.68			
To Young person 16+	40.00			
To Sibling Carers 0-4	134.49	134.49	134.49	134.49 x2
5-10	147.84	147.84	147.84	147.84 x 2
11+	184.05	184.05	184.05	184.05 x 2
16-17	141.68	184.05	184.05	184.05 x 2
To Young Person 16+	40.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Specialist Carers 5-10	147.84	147.84	147.84	147.84 x 2
11-15	184.05	184.05	184.05	184.05x 2
16+	141.68	184.05	184.05	184.05x 2
To Young Person 16+	40.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chrysalis Carers 5-10	147.84	147.84	147.84	147.84 X 2
11-15	184.05	184.05	184.05	184.05x2
16+	141.68	184.05	184.05	184.05
To Young Person 16+	40.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Adolescent Specialist Placement Carer				
5-10	147.84	147.84	147.84	147.84 X 2
11-15	184.05	184.05	184.05	184.05x2
16+	141.68	184.05	184.05	184.05
To Young Person16+	40.00	N/A	N/A	N/A

4. Please provide the following information related to Fostering placements for Looked After Children. Please provide actual figures for years 2013/14 to 2016/17, as well as predicted figures for 2017/18.

- The number of children cared for by a foster carer provided by the Council
- The number of children cared for by a foster carer arranged through an independent fostering agency

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Type of Accommodation Grouping	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Agency Foster Care	30	32	40	40
Connected Persons Foster Care	88	87	91	96
LA Foster Care	249	251	228	209
Grand Total	342	350	338	326

5. What is the gross total expenditure on fostering services for Looked After Children? Please provide actual figures for financial years 2013/14 to 2016/17, as well as budgeted expenditure for 2017/18.

The table below shows gross expenditure (excluding support services costs) for both placements for North Tyneside Council looked after children with the North Tyneside Council Fostering Service and with Independent Fostering Agencies.

Year	Gross Expenditure
2013/14 Actual	£4.721m
2014/15 Actual	£4.701m
2015/16 Actual	£4.561m
2016/17 Actual	£4.623m
2017/18 Budget	£4.096m