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Dear Mr Cann

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your request for information received on 31 May 2018. We have considered your request and provide the following information.

1) Please could you tell me your 2018-19 weekly foster care allowances for all age bands, NOT including any fee/reward element for foster carers?

The information you have requested is already publicly available on Fostering page of our website. For ease of reference, the information can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Services/Children-and-families/Fostering/Fees-and-allowances>

Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible. Therefore in respect of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter constitutes a formal refusal notice under Section 17.

2) Please could you tell me your 2018-19 weekly allowances to former foster carers looking after young people in When I am Ready 18+ arrangements, broken down by year 1, year 2, and year 3+ if necessary?

Please note that WIR placements are not standard and the allowance we pay is determined by the circumstances and therefore not a "set" allowance.

The following figures are guidance only for the WIR placements made with CCBC carers.

Up to £199 for those young people (not engaged in education or training), however this amount is made up of £20 contribution from the young person and the remaining £179 is made up from SSD and Housing Benefit (if applicable). If HB is awarded then this amount will need to be deducted from the carer/providers payment as they will be getting this money direct.

And up to £375.73 minus Income Support/JSA/UC rate £58.00 (if the young person is entitled to claim this benefit), minus £20 as the young person's contribution and minus any Housing Benefit (if the young person is entitled to claim this benefit) – for those remaining in education.

We supply this information based on your original request. If this is not what you wanted or if you feel we have not fully understood your request please do not hesitate to contact me to clarify your exact requirements.

If you have any queries, concerns or are in any way dissatisfied with the handling of your request please contact Gareth Jones on 01443 864667.

Yours sincerely



Nicola Broom
Customer Services Manager
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