

Ms Daisy Elliott By email: request-597401-66226128@whatdotheyknow.com Children's Services - Family Services Westminster City Council 64 Victoria Street London SW1E 6QP

Our ref: 11001627 **Your ref**: **Date**: 18 September 2019

Dear Ms Elliott

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request. You asked to be provided with the following information:

Please could you tell me your 2019-20 weekly foster care allowances for all age bands, NOT including any fee/reward element for foster carers?

Please could you tell me your 2019-20 weekly allowances to former foster carers looking after young people in 18+ Staying Put arrangements, broken down by year 1, year 2, and year 3+ if necessary?

Response

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Westminster City Council. I have attached the response to guestion 1 that is being released to you.

For the response to question 2 please see below:

Carers offering a staying put arrangement enter into an agreement with the Children's team and the young person. They continue to receive the £237 per week and an additional £100 from the young person or children's team. Where young people are in receipt of housing benefit this will be used to cover the £100 however if the young person is attending university this is covered with the parental contribution.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Information Management Team 64 Victoria Street London SW1E 6QP foi@westminster.gov.uk If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Further information is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Westminster City Council