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Please ask for Bruce Green

Our ref: 6949032

Your ref:

Date: 14th July 2021

Dear Holly Barnes

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request for information has been considered by Warwickshire County Council under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Warwickshire County Council. Please see below for further details and explanation.

You asked us:

Freedom of Information request - Foster Care Allowances.

1. Please could you tell me your 2021-22 weekly foster care allowances for all age bands, NOT including any fee / reward element for foster carers?

Please see the Excel spreadsheet 'Fol_6949032_Q1_ResponseDoc' attached to our covering e-mail.

2. Please detail any allowances that ALL foster carers can claim in addition to their weekly allowance, e.g. holiday allowance or mileage?

This information is contained within the Warwickshire County Council foster carers handbook. Please see the PDF document 'Fol_6949032_Q2_ResponseDoc' attached to our covering e-mail

Please note: Section 4 covers mileage for education transport, and other items that can be claimed for.

Also, please see the Excel spreadsheet 'Fol_6949032_Q3_ResponseDoc' attached to our covering e-mail for further information.

3. Please could you tell me your 2021-22 weekly allowances for former foster carers looking after young people in 18+ Staying Put arrangements, broken down by year 1, year 2, and year 3 if necessary?

We pay the staying put carer £150 per week direct on our weekly pay run. This is as of 1st June 2020 (prior to this the rate was £100 per week). The young person themselves is expected to pay a contribution of £20 per week and their housing benefit should be paid direct to the staying put carer at £60 per week, so the carer should receive £230 per week total, of which we pay £150.

We have the option where needed to increase our payment to £190 per week (e.g. if the young person needs more support), this is an enhanced rate. In some situations we have agreed to cover housing benefit if there are issues with the housing benefit application, until the issue is rectified.

Also, please see the Excel spreadsheet 'Fol_6949032_Q3_ResponseDoc' attached to our covering e-mail.

Yours faithfully.

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 40 days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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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. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Phone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Bruce Green
Information Rights Officer