



South Tyneside Council

Date: 23rd July 2021
Our Ref: FOI 21 0593

The Fostering Network
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Dear Ms Barnes

Freedom of Information Request

We refer to your Freedom of Information Request received on the 30th June 2021.

Your request asked for the following information:

Your Request

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

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.

Council's Response

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?

0-2 - £134.49

3-4 - £138.00

5-10 - £153.20

11-15 - £190.72

16-18 - £202.00

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

Summer holiday allowance - 2 weeks additional allowance

Christmas - 1 week additional allowance

School uniform allowance

Birthday allowance

Information Governance, Town Hall and Civic Offices,
Westoe Road, South Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE33 2RL

Initial clothing allowance if required
Initial equipment payment for newly approved foster carers
Mileage in excess of 20 miles per day

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?

£300.00 per week each year for 3 years.

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The Information Governance Team can be contacted at the following address:
Information Governance Team, Town Hall and Civic Buildings, Westoe Road, South Shields, NE33 2RL.

Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

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Please do note the ICO will only review cases that have exhausted the Council's internal review procedures. All correspondence to the ICO must quote the Council's reference number and your reasons for your appeal.

The ICO's contact details are as follows: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF. More information can be found on the ICO's website at www.ico.org.uk

If you have any further queries about this matter then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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