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Dear enquirer,

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**

**FOI Request ID: 101007162178**

I refer to your request for information received on the: 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear West Lothian Council,

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 16+/18+ Continuing Care arrangements, broken down by year 1, year 2, and year 3+ if necessary.

Yours faithfully,  
Eve Hatcher

The Fostering Network

**Director:** Alison White

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## **WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL RESPONSE**

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**Please see attachment “FOI 101007162178 - Attachment 1 - Carers Payments” which provides the above information.**

**Please note that the continuing care payment is the same amount as the 16 to 19 fostering allowance.**

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Yours Sincerely

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