

Reference: 25512195  
Date: 27 June 2022

Dear Eve Hatcher

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000**

We write in reference to your Freedom of Information request.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides two distinct but related rights of access to information which impose corresponding duties on public authorities. These are:

- The duty to inform the applicant whether or not information is held by the authority and, if so,
- The duty to communicate that information to the applicant

We can confirm that the information requested is held by The London Borough of Barking & Dagenham. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

1. *Please could you tell me your 2022-23 weekly foster care allowances for all age bands, NOT including any fee/reward element for foster carers.*

| 1             | Foster Carers Element | Additional baby equipment | Pocket Money & Savings            | Clothing | Leisure Activity | Education | Travel | Total weekly payment |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|------------------|-----------|--------|----------------------|
| <b>Tier 1</b> | £250.00               | 30.00                     | Pocket money £5<br><br>No savings | £29.00   | £10.00           | £10.00    | £20.00 | £354.00              |
| <b>Tier 2</b> | £290.00               | 30.00                     | Pocket money £5<br><br>No savings | £34.00   | £10.00           | £10.00    | £20.00 | £399.00              |
| <b>Tier 3</b> | £310.00               | 30.00                     | Pocket money £5<br><br>No savings | £35.00   | £10.00           | £10.00    | £25.00 | £425.00              |

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|---------------|---------|-------|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| <b>Tier 4</b> | £340.00 | 55.00 | Pocket money £5<br><br>No savings | £40.00 | £15.00 | £15.50 | £30.00 | £500.50 |
| <b>Tier 5</b> | £420.00 | 75.00 | Pocket money £5<br><br>No savings | £40.50 | £16.00 | £16.00 | £35.00 | £607.50 |

### BREAKDOWN OF FOSTER CARERS ALLOWANCE AGE RANGE 5-10

|               | Foster Carers Element | Pocket Money & Savings                       | Clothing | Leisure Activity | Education | Travel | Total weekly payment |
|---------------|-----------------------|--|----------|------------------|-----------|--------|----------------------|
| <b>Tier 1</b> | £275.00               | Pocket money £10<br><br>*Savings (£10.00)    | £22.50   | £11.00           | £10.00    | £15.50 | £354.00              |
| <b>Tier 2</b> | £310.00               | Pocket money £10.00<br><br>*Savings (£10.00) | £24.00   | £12.50           | £12.50    | £20.00 | £399.00              |
| <b>Tier 3</b> | £320.00               | Pocket money £10.00<br><br>*Savings (£10.00) | £34.00   | £15.50           | £15.50    | £20.00 | £425.00              |
| <b>Tier 4</b> | £360.00               | Pocket money £10.00<br><br>*Savings (£10.00) | £45.00   | £25.00           | £25.00    | £25.00 | £500.00              |
| <b>Tier 5</b> | £425.00               | Pocket money £10.00<br><br>*Savings (£10.00) | £55.50   | £36.00           | £36.00    | £35.00 | £607.50              |

### BREAKDOWN OF FOSTER CARERS ALLOWANCE AGE RANGE 11-17

|               | Foster Carers Element | Pocket Money & Savings                   | Clothing | Leisure Activity | Education | Travel | Total   |
|---------------|-----------------------|--|----------|------------------|-----------|--------|---------|
| <b>Tier 1</b> | £355.00               | Pocket money £16.50<br>*Savings (£10.00) | 30.00    | £22.00           | £20.50    | £15.50 | £469.50 |
| <b>Tier 2</b> | £370.00               | Pocket money £16.50<br>*Savings (£10.00) | £40      | £24.50           | £23.00    | £15.50 | £499.50 |
| <b>Tier 3</b> | £385.00               | Pocket money £16.50<br>*Savings (£10.00) | £46      | £25.00           | £25.00    | £15.50 | £523.00 |
| <b>Tier 4</b> | £430.00               | Pocket money £16.50<br>*Savings (£10.00) | £55      | £40.00           | £38.50    | £15.50 | £605.50 |
| <b>Tier 5</b> | £500.00               | Pocket money £16.50<br>*Savings (£10.00) | £60      | £55.00           | £55.50    | £15.50 | £712.50 |

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

| AGE            | BIRTHDAY ALLOWANCE | FESTIVAL ALLOWANCE |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>0-4</b>     | £50                | £50                |
| <b>5-11</b>    | £100               | £100               |
| <b>11 - 18</b> | £125               | £125               |

| AGE   | HOLIDAY ALLOWANCE |
|-------|-------------------|
| 0-4   | £230              |
| 5-11  | £275              |
| 11-18 | £320              |

Mileage at 45p per mile

Retainer at £60 p.w. when no placement

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3. *Please could you tell me your 2022-23 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.*

£295 pw for 18-19 yr old. Then it reduces to £195 from 19-20 year and £150 from 20-21.

### **Internal Review Procedure**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, then you have a right under Section 50 of the Act to request an internal review. All such requests must be sent to us within 8 weeks and must clearly state your reference number and your reason for your request for an internal review.

We will respond to your request for an internal review within 20 working days of receipt. Your request for an internal review should be sent by email to [foi@lbbd.gov.uk](mailto:foi@lbbd.gov.uk) quoting your FOI reference number.

### **Information Commissioners Office**

Should you remain dissatisfied with the final outcome of the internal review then you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner (the "ICO") for an independent review. The ICO is the Government's Independent Body responsible for overseeing the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 1998 and The Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Please note the ICO will only review cases that have exhausted the council's internal review procedure. 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:

The Information Commissioners Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane, Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF.

More information can be found at the ICO's website at <http://www.ico.org.uk>

If you have any further enquiries about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing [foi@lbbd.gov.uk](mailto:foi@lbbd.gov.uk)

We trust you find the above to be satisfactory, but should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

The FOI Team