

8 August 2017
Ref: 7867397

Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Brent Council. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

1) Please could you tell me your 2017-18 weekly foster care allowances for all age bands, NOT including any fee/reward element for foster carers.

2017/18 Brent Foster Carers - Weekly Fostering Allowance			
Age band	Allowance (level 1)	Allowance + fee (level 2 - £62.31)	Allowance + fee (level 3 -£83.07)
0 – 4	£167.20	£229.51	£250.27
5 – 10	£190.60	£252.91	£273.67
11 – 15	£237.35	£299.66	£320.42
16+	£288.24	£350.55	£371.31
Staying Put fee - £230.00 per week			

2) Please detail your current fee/reward structure for foster carers (NB this is different to allowances for the child). Please include: i) Details of the levels/bands for carers and how much you pay per week at each level/band.

Please see the response to question 1.

ii) The number of foster carers on each level/band, including those that receive no fee on top of the child's allowance.

0-4 years old, there are 26 carers of which 21 receive fees and 5 receive no fees.

5-10 years old, there are 18 carers of which 13 receive fees and 5 receive no fees.

11-15-there are 33 carers of which 26 receive fees and 7 receive no fees.

16 + -there are 27 carers of which 24 receive fees and 3 receive no fees.

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

Please see the response to question 1 above.

4) Please detail your current fee/reward structure for former foster carers looking after young people in Staying Put arrangements. Please include: i) Details of the levels/bands and how much you pay per week at each level/band.

Please see the response to question 1 above.

ii) The number of former foster carers on each level/band, including those that receive no fee on top of the child's allowance.

None. We pay a flat Staying Put rate of £230.00 per week.

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:

Brent Civic Centre
Engineers Way
Wembley HA9 0FJ
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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

Brian Grady

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