

Mr. Robert Cann

Harrow Council
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25 July 2017
Our ref: 3461997

Dear Mr. Cann

Thank you for your request for information received on 11 July 2017.

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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

Your Request

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.

£356 per week (50% allowance for carers 50% to use for the child).

2) Please detail your current fee/reward structure for foster carers (NB this is different to allowances for the child). Please include:

Holiday Payments for foster carers

A holiday payment will be paid in April of each year. This will be 2 weeks of the fostering payment (£176 + £176 = £352) per approved number of children or young people approved for and available to take, plus 50% (£176). For example:

Approved for one child £178 + £178 + £178 = TOTAL £534

Approved for two children £178 + £178 + £178 = TOTAL £534 x 2 = £1068

Approved for three children £178 + £178 + £178 = TOTAL £534 x 3 = £1602

There must be evidence that the foster carer has been available for placements. Respite Carers will receive an allowance in pro rata to their overall yearly provision.

i) Details of the levels/bands for carers and how much you pay per week at each level/band.

All foster carers are paid the same. We do not have bands or levels.

ii) The number of foster carers on each level/band, including those that receive no

fee on top of the child's allowance.

We have 66 fostering households all on the same level.

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.

£176 per week

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.

All staying put carers are on the same level. We do not have a banding system.

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

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If you have any questions, please contact me on 020 8736 6786 or
xxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx.xx.

If you are dissatisfied with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request an internal review of Harrow Council's decision by writing to:

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Station Road
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Email: xxxxx.xxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx.xx

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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: <http://www.ico.org.uk/complaints/handling/complain>

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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