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My Ref: FOI/1369
Your Ref:
Date: 9 May 2023
Enquiries to: Information Requests
Direct Dial: 01226 77 5759
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Sammy,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the Children's Services Directorate has now completed its search for the information which you requested by e-mail on 11th April 2023.

Your questions and my findings are as follows: -

For your mainstream foster carer population (general/unconnected carers) the basic weekly allowances paid for 2023/24 per age bracket for all age bands. NOT including any fee/reward element for foster carers.

0-2 = £154
3-4 = £159
5-10 = £175
11-15 = £199
16+ = £233

Please detail any other allowances paid for children living in mainstream foster care in addition to their weekly allowance, for example religious festival, holiday, birthday, other. Please detail the amount paid and the frequency foster carers can receive these.

Religious Festival – Amounts paid per child. Allowance is usually paid in November or at an appropriate time prior to the relevant festival to all carers with an applicable placement.

0-2 = £154
3-4 = £159
5-10 = £175
11-15 = £199
16+ = £233

Holiday Payments – Paid per child in placement. Holiday allowances are paid in May to all carers with a placement at that point. Payments are also made throughout the year on a discretionary basis dependent upon circumstances.

0-2 = £308
3-4 = £318
5-10 = £350
11-15 = £398
16+ = £466

Birthday Payments – Paid per child in placement. Birthday payments are paid on the payment week prior to the week in which the birthday occurs.

0-2 = £154
3-4 = £159
5-10 = £175
11-15 = £199
16+ = £233

Please detail any additional allowances or fees paid to for children with additional support needs or disabilities.

The Local Authority, on occasion, pays an additional 50% skill-based fee if a sibling group of 3 is placed together or a child has complex support needs. This is considered on a case-by-case basis.

Your current fee/reward structure for mainstream 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.

Level 1 = £100
Level 2 = £150
Level 3 = £360

Plus, for each child in placement:

0-2 = £10
3-4 = £10
5-10 = £20
11-15 = £45
16+ = £60

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

Level 1 = 5
Level 2 = 20
Level 3 = 92

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For your kinship foster carer population (connected carers) the basic weekly allowances paid for 2023/24 per age bracket for all age bands. NOT including any fee/reward element for foster carers.

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

No Skills Level = £0
Level 1 = £100

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

No Skills Level = 25
Level 1 = 8

Your 2023-24 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.

Year 1 = £233
Year 2 = £233
Year 3 = £233

Your 2023-24 weekly fee payments 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.

Not paid

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests on 01226 77 5759. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

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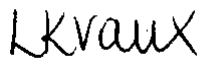
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Yours sincerely



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