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Mr D Smith

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Dear Mr Smith,

## **Freedom of Information – Request for Information** **Unique Reference: FOI 7567**

Thank you for your request for information dated 15 May 2018, which the Council received by email. You have requested the following information:

1. *The governments own means testing model recommends that someone in receipt of the allowance and in receipt of income support etc should not be means tested and that the allowance should be paid in full without any deductions for child benefit etc do you comply with this or do you means test and deduct child benefit.*
2. *If child is on DLA do you use this as income when doing the means test .*
3. *When a child is on DLA (middle or high rate) the child tax credit pay a DISABILITY PREMIUM/ELEMENT with the tax credit do you deduct this or just the basic child tax credit.*
4. *Special guardians are told by National support groups that the allowance should be the National minimum fostering allowance rate do you comply with this and what constitutes the minimum ie: pocket money etc etc.*
5. *Do you increase the allowance annually if not how often do you increase it.*

The Council reasonably requires further information from you in order to identify and locate the information that you are seeking.

In particular, please could you be more specific with reference to questions 3 and 4.

Please note, under section 1(3) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) a public authority need not comply with a request unless any further information reasonably required to locate the information is supplied; I will not be able to take this matter further without receiving this extra information from you. If I do not receive clarification within three months your request will be considered to have lapsed.

Once your clarification is received, the Council will begin to process your request.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint, or request a review of the Council's decision, please write to Sandra J Stewart, Borough Solicitor, at Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Dukinfield Town Hall, Dukinfield, Tameside SK16 4LA.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Commissioner cannot normally make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Council. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF and at [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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