

## Response to Request for Information

Reference      FOI 003444  
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### ***Foster Care Services***

#### **Request:**

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), for a copy of the documents containing the following information:

1. Details of the lowest, highest and average weekly fee rates agreed with external suppliers of Independent Foster Care Services for the current year (2019/2020).

Lowest weekly fee rate      = £312.81  
Highest weekly fee rate      = £1,725.00  
Average weekly fee rate      = £762.90

2. Details of the lowest, highest and average weekly fee rates paid to local authority carers.

Lowest weekly fee rate      = £255  
Highest weekly fee rate      = £600  
Average weekly fee rate      = £300

(Please note that for questions 1 and 2, we do not require details of all rates paid to individual suppliers, simply minimum, maximum and average rates payable.)

3. Details of the rates of each tier for independent fostering agencies (if there is a framework agreement in place), or confirmation that tier rates have not changed from the previous year.

#### 2019-2020

Framework: Based On Tendered Costs	Minimum Standard Fee	Average Standard Fee	Maximum Standard Fee
All Tendered Costs for Standard Placement	£595.00	£754.28	£850.00

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

4. The number of looked after children in foster care as at 31 March 2019 and of those children, the percentage looked after by independent foster agencies.

There were 477 children and young people in care in foster care as of 31 March 2019 and of those children, 41% were looked after by independent foster agencies.