

## Response to Request for Information

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### *Foster Care Allowances*

#### Request:

Please could you tell me your 2016-17 weekly foster care allowances for all age bands, not including any fee/reward element for foster carers.

Age of Child	Weekly Rate £
0 – 4	126
5 – 10	139
11 – 15	159
16+	185

Please also include weekly allowances to former foster carers looking after young people aged 18+ under the staying put provisions of the Children and Families Act 2014.

Our Staying Put policy states:

#### **6.0 FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO STAYING PUT CARERS**

Under the Staying Put Policy, foster payments will be substituted with a Staying Put allowance **totalling up to £255.00 per week**. In circumstances where a former foster carers was receiving Level 3 advanced payments in respect of the young person, then the Staying Put allowance maximum would be £331.50 per week.

From any maximum allowance there will be deducted:

- Any rent payment the young person is liable to pay.

And/Or set contribution of £25.00 per week from the young person