

Dear

I am writing to you in reply to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to Nottinghamshire County Council. I have 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 (2018/2019).*
- 2. Details of the lowest, highest and average weekly fee rates paid to local authority carers.*

	Weekly Payment		
	Highest Payment	Lowest Payment	Average Payment
Independent Fostering Agency	£1,613	£438	£832
Local Authority Carer	£836	£140	£345

Please note the following points:

The weekly payment is based on what a carer received for one young person and NOT for sibling groups or for one or more placements.

The weekly rates are based on payments at July 2018.

Internal Fostering payments exclude Transport and Support Care.

- 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.*
I confirm that the tier rates have not changed during the last year.

- 4. The number of looked after children in foster care as at 31 March 2018 and of those children, the percentage looked after by independent foster agencies.*

There were a total of 627 children and young people in foster care as at March 2018, of which a total of 216 were placed with independent fostering agencies.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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 our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail foi@nottscc.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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