

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request.

The response from the department concerned is as follows:

**Please could you tell me your 2019-20 weekly foster care allowances for all age bands, NOT including any fee/reward element for foster carers?**

We pay National Minimum Fostering Allowances, at the rates prescribed by the Department for Education.

The age bandings are as follows: £132 (child 0-4 years), £146 (child 5-10 years), £167 (child 11-15 years) and £194 (young person 16+).

**Please could you tell me your 2019-20 weekly allowances to former foster carers looking after young people in 18+ Staying Put arrangements, broken down by year 1, year 2, and year 3+ if necessary?**

Fostering allowance for 16-17yr old young person is £194 Food & Utilities. The Staying put contribution has been calculated at £30 to the carer, Rent has been calculated at £30 from the housing benefit claim but this can be more, depending on what is awarded. These are the contribution the young person at 18 yrs old pays when in staying put with the former carer. Should a young person not be in receipt of benefits( should they be finishing an educational year for example) the 2 x £30 pw costs will be paid by the LA.

Staying put allowance for 2019/2020 carers is £94.00 pw. In addition to the contribution costs made by the young person from their benefits as outlined above.

We are not sure what the next three year annual increments will be for staying put, however, we can forecast that annually the fostering allowances for 16-17yr old young person for the past 3 years has gone up by £3.00. With this in mind with regards to Staying Put, next year they may go up to £97, year two £100 and year three £103.

I hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

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<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

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If you wish to raise any concerns about the way your request was dealt with, then please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail [foi@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:foi@nottscc.gov.uk) quoting the reference number above.

Kind Regards

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