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**Nottinghamshire  
County Council**

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**Request for Information: Ref NCC-037157-19**

Details of the lowest, highest and average weekly fee rates

Thank you for your request for information relating to details of the lowest, highest and average weekly fee rates. I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

**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).**

Example response as follows –

Lowest weekly fee rate = £461.28

Highest weekly fee rate = £1150.71

Average weekly fee rate = £746.51

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

(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.)

Example response as follows –

Lowest weekly fee rate = £256.25

Highest weekly fee rate = £642.06

Average weekly fee rate = £416

**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.**

Example response as follows -

Tier rates have not changed from the previous year

Or

Tier 1 (0-4) = £259.00

Tier 1 (5-10) = £282.00

Tier 1 (11+) = £327.00

Tier 1 (16+) = £372.00

Tier 2 (0-4) = £284.00

Tier 2 (5-10) = £307.00

Tier 2 (11+) = £352.00

**Tier 2 (16+) = £397.00**

**Tier 3 (0-4) = £310.00**

**Tier 3 (5-10) = £333.00**

**Tier 3 (11+) = £378.00**

**Tier 3 (16+) = £423.004**

**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.**

**Example response as follows –**

**There were 51 looked after children in foster care as of 31 March 2019 and of those children, 30% were looked after by independent foster agencies.**

We hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the contact details below. In addition and for future reference Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publish previous Freedom of Information Requests and answers on our website, [click here](#) to see the Disclosure logs.

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