

Dear Requester

I refer to your recent Freedom of Information request. The responses are as follows:

I was hoping to make a request for some information under the freedom of information act regarding financial support and spend on contact.

In particular I would like to know

- Is there any staff guidance / process around spending and costs for facilitating and promoting contact e.g. between a looked after child and birth parents or extended family – could we have a copy of any written guidance- as far as I am aware there are no such guidance.
- What sorts of venue environments in the community are they encouraged to use (if any) – again if there is any written guidance could we see this. The authority have designated contact centres where the majority of contacts take place. However to try and facilitate contact with the interest of the child at the centre other venues are considered after appropriate risk assessment
- What is the staff spend allowed e.g. reimbursing travelling to contact, cost for food or activities during contact. – again if there is any written guidance could we see this. There is no guidance on this , all child and their individual situation are assessed and responded to accordingly by the worker/managers.

I hope this assists. Should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

Complaints, Information and Mediation Officer
Nottinghamshire County Council

In addition to this and for future reference Nottingham County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR,s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link)
<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords.

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 quoting the reference number above.