

From: FOI
To:
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Dear

Thank you for your request for information about weekly rates paid to Foster Carers by Nottinghamshire County Council.

1. Details of the lowest, highest and average weekly fee rates agreed with external suppliers of Independent Foster Care Services for the current year (2021/2022).

Lowest £689, highest £1,208, average £871. (This is based on activity in April 2021).

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

We do not have these figures calculated for Local Authority carers, but information about allowances paid to LA foster carers can be found using the following link

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/fostering/support-training-and-payments>

(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.)

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.

We don't have any tier rates with our framework.

4. The number of looked after children in foster care as of 31 March 2021 and of those children, the percentage looked after by independent foster agencies.

As at 31st March, we had 717 children in foster care, of which 280 were in independent fostering placements. This equates to 39%.

I hope that you find this information to be helpful, however if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, then please email us at foi@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference NCC-0500211-21 and we will be happy to review your request

With kind regards

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