

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), for a copy of the documents containing the following information:

- 1) Details of the average fee rates agreed with external suppliers of Independent Foster Care Services for the current year (2022/2023). This is based on only one child with no disability and excludes allowances. £866.44
- 2) Details of the lowest, highest and average weekly fee rates paid to local authority carers (standard carer allowance, no extra skills payment). Standard basic allowances range from £229.01 to £322.80 per week according to age.

Please note that for question 2, we do not require details of all rates paid to individual suppliers, simply minimum, maximum and average rates payable.

- 3) The **number** of looked after children in Foster Care as of 03 October 2022 and of those children, the **percentage** looked after by independent foster agencies. On 03.10.22 there were 446 children looked after in foster care.
19% were placed with independent foster agencies

We would like the above information supplied to us as electronic copies. Please only state your answers in an email or Word doc., no copied tables or Excel documents.