



Assurance Group
London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
2 September 2020
Our ref: 6359152

Thank you for your request received on 11 June 2020, for the following information:

I am writing to you, to request information under the FOI act. Please kindly provide me with a response to the following;

- 1. Are former kinship foster carers entitled to any fee's and allowances for a child they get an SGO for and how much?**
- 2. How long are these allowances and fee's paid for?**
- 3. If there are deductions made please inform me how much, what for and how long for.**
- 4. Under what criteria can any extra funding be paid on top of these allowances and fee's?**
- 5. Do the the LA have policies on information for kinship carers and SG's and If these policies are requested are the LA obliged to provide them?**
- 6. What is the complaints procedure and how long should the LA take to deal with complaints?**
- 7. What other support is supposed to be offered to special guardians who were former kinship foster carers?**
- 8. What other support should be offered to kinship foster carers?**
- 9. If the LA make a financial agreement in writing and then go back on this agreement what are the policies on this?**
- 10. What method does Barnet council use to assess special guardians for financial support. Please provide me with what evidence can be requested from the SG by the LA as well.**
- 11. What is the maximum payment for a child.**
- 12. What is the criteria to qualify for a maximum payment for a child?**
- 13. Is the maximum payment based on recommended foster care rates?**
- 14. How long is the fostering fee and SG allowance paid for and at what rates?**
- 15. Are special guardians entitled to support with childcare fee's?**
- 16. If the LA provide funding for supervised contact in a contact centre, does this need to be provided under a CIN plan or can this be done without a plan as part of the SG support plan instead?**
- 17. Please tell me the threshold/criteria for a child to be put under a CIN plan.**
- 19. How often are policies updated? (Please provide a date for the most recent and the next update if possible)**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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Please see attached.

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

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For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: foi@barnet.gov.uk. Or by post to Information Management Team (FOI) London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.