

London Borough of Barnet  
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London, NW9 4EW  
8 June 2022  
Our ref: 8263730

Thank you for your request received on 10 May 2022, for the following information:

**Please kindly answer the following in relation to previous connected carers who's have now become special guardians.**

**1. What baby sitting support exactly do the LA have a duty to provide special guardians whom are studying a distance learning degree?**

**2. What duty do the LA have to adhere to financial and other agreements made in writing?**

**3. If the LA refuse to adhere to agreements made in writing what action can be taken?**

**4. What is the exact (please provide the exact step by step) process for assessing if the fostering fee should be extended upon the special guardians request?**

**5. What is the exact (again please provide exact step by step) process for assessing if the child allowance should be extended in full upon special guardians request.**

**6. Under what circumstance exactly can the LA refuse to further extend the duration of full payments of the fostering fee?**

**7. Under what circumstances exactly can the LA refuse to extend the duration of full payments of the child allowance?**

**8. What is included exactly in conducting a financial assessment for further support? (Please include the exact process of possible)**

**9. How are deductions calculated from the extended child allowance in relation to financial assessment? (Please include amounts if possible)**

**10. How exactly are deductions calculated from extended fostering fee? (Please include amounts if possible)**

**11. Under what circumstance exactly can the LA refuse to extend;**

**11a. The fostering fee?**

**11b. The child allowance?**

**12. Under what circumstances exactly can the LA amend or end already agreed financial payments of fostering fee and child allowance?**

**13. Under what circumstances can the LA decide to reassess already agreed payments if it was already agreed to be non means tested?**

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

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and it is attached

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Please see our response on the attached document

**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/>

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