

FOI 2759

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

This information request concerns Trust Foster Care Fees. Please provide the information for years 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25.

Q1. What was the Trust's annual non-pay inflationary uplift provided by the Department of Health for each of the years?

Response:

There is no inflationary % allocated to Trusts, instead the Trust is allocated a specific value of funding for non-pay inflation.

Q2. What was the percentage uplift applied to Trust foster care fees in each of the years?

Response:

There was no uplift provided regarding the fee element of payments until 24/25. A 3% uplift to Foster care Fees was applied 24/25.

Q3. What was the cost to the Trust in pound sterling required to provide the uplift to Trust foster care fees in each of the years? (Note only the cost of the increase not the total spent on foster care fees.)

Response:

The cost to the Trust for the uplift in fees for year 24/25 was £40,946.40.

Q4. Was the uplift applied equality to all foster carer fee levels and to all foster carers within the Trust?

Response:

Uplifts were applied equally to all foster carers who were in receipt of a fee within the Trust.

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