

Fostering Allowances and Fees – Comparison

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Weekly Fostering Allowance (WFA)	<p>A weekly allowance made to fostering households to cover weekly child / young person maintenance costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowance is processed automatically, per child, every week. The allowance is age related, per child. For guidance Derbyshire recommends the Weekly Fostering Allowance be allocated as follows: <table border="1" style="margin: 10px auto; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #c6e0b4;"> <th>Clothing</th> <th>Transport</th> <th>Household</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr style="background-color: #d9e1f2;"> <td>15%</td> <td>9%</td> <td>76%</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bespoke option available when agreed at panel A Child’s pocket money and long-term savings are identified within the Household element of the Weekly Fostering Allowance. The table below provides weekly guidance. Child long term savings - Foster carers are to invest in a Child ISA account. <table border="1" style="margin: 10px auto; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #fce4d6;"> <th style="width: 15%;">FA - Pocket Money and (Savings)</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Age</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Savings</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Pocket Money</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr style="background-color: #fce4d6;"><td></td><td>2-4</td><td>£2</td><td>£1</td></tr> <tr style="background-color: #fce4d6;"><td></td><td>5-10</td><td>£2</td><td>£2</td></tr> <tr style="background-color: #fce4d6;"><td></td><td>11-12</td><td>£4</td><td>£2</td></tr> <tr style="background-color: #fce4d6;"><td></td><td>13-15</td><td>£6.50</td><td>£3</td></tr> <tr style="background-color: #fce4d6;"><td></td><td>16+</td><td>£9</td><td>£4</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Clothing	Transport	Household	Total	15%	9%	76%	100%	FA - Pocket Money and (Savings)	Age	Savings	Pocket Money		2-4	£2	£1		5-10	£2	£2		11-12	£4	£2		13-15	£6.50	£3		16+	£9	£4	<p>No change from current rates Minor change in criteria</p> <table border="1" style="margin: 10px auto; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #d9e1f2;"> <th>Age</th> <th>Allowance</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr style="background-color: #d9e1f2;"><td>0-4</td><td>£179.20</td></tr> <tr style="background-color: #d9e1f2;"><td>5-10</td><td>£198.57</td></tr> <tr style="background-color: #d9e1f2;"><td>11-15</td><td>£226.69</td></tr> <tr style="background-color: #d9e1f2;"><td>16+</td><td>£265.37</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>No change keep the current allowances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10.5% increase already included for 2023/2024 Rates already general higher than D2N2 Rates already higher than national minimum Bespoke minor variation available if agreed at panel (to be developed) 	Age	Allowance	0-4	£179.20	5-10	£198.57	11-15	£226.69	16+	£265.37
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<p>Fostering Professional Fee, previously known as Fostering Skills Allowance</p>	<p>Fostering Professional Fee (FPF) recognises foster carers' skills, experience and training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foster Carers are placed in a skills band dependent upon their experience and training record: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Band A Band B Band C Band D Band E (bespoke) Progress can be made through each skill band by successfully completing annual reviews and meeting the levels of experience, training requirements for each band. FPF is processed automatically, per child, every week. See FPF guidance 	<p>Current 2023/2024 rates (Including the 10.5%) (per household)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1068 592 1453 817"> <thead> <tr> <th>Skills Band</th> <th>Allowance</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Foundation</td> <td>£0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>£17.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>£24.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>£40.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>£114.92</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Skills Band	Allowance	Foundation	£0	A	£17.23	B	£24.13	C	£40.22	D	£114.92	<p>Proposed FPF (per child)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1516 592 1872 831"> <thead> <tr> <th>Skills Band</th> <th>FPF</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>£80.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>£130.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>£180.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>£230.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>Bespoke</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligns with Derby City and Nottinghamshire Aligns with other authorities reviewed Introduces a regular step change in rate rather than significant jump between C & D Bespoke yet to be designed with clear governance including director sign off 	Skills Band	FPF	A	£80.00	B	£130.00	C	£180.00	D	£230.00	E	Bespoke
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FPF Retention Fee	<p>Links to the Fostering Professional Fee when a full-time foster carer has no current placements, in recognition of the potential period between placements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retention Fee is processed automatically when the foster carer household has no children in placement. Retention Fee is processed weekly at 50% of the main carers Skill Banding FPF, for a period of up to 12 weeks from when the final placement ends. Retention Fee is based upon the maximum of one child placement only. Retention Fee will only be made when carers are available to accept another placement. 	<p>50% rule maintained Current 2023/2024 rates @50% (Including the recent 10.5%)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Skills Band</th> <th>Retention Payment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>£8.61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>£12.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>£20.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>£57.46</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Skills Band	Retention Payment	A	£8.61	B	£12.06	C	£20.11	D	£57.46	<p>Proposed Retention Fee in line with FPF 50% rule maintained</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Skills Band</th> <th>Retention Payment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>£40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>£65.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>£90.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>£115.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: right;">CHANGE in budget WITHIN FPF above</p>	Skills Band	Retention Payment	A	£40.00	B	£65.00	C	£90.00	D	£115.00
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Align with WFA 							Uniform	
									Primary	£140
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							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Uniform allowance based upon national data and checks made against local schools 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One off allowance at the start of a new school / post 16 (education / training). ○ Allowance based upon national and local research, Primary (Infant/Junior), Secondary and Post 16 (education / training). ○ Individual approval required for nurseries that require a uniform. 	<p>CHANGE in budget CLOTHING £6,000 CHANGE in budget HOLIDAY £34,200 CHANGE in budget UNIFORM £3,000</p>												
	<p>Annual Reward, for approved foster carers upon successful completion of the annual review and dependent upon duration of care provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Allowance made to fostering households in recognition of successful completion of the annual review and duration of care provided throughout the year reviewed. ● Allowances are processed automatically, per fostering household, following completion of the annual review ● For approved mainstream, short break, contract, and link carers ● See Annual Award guidance 	<p>Change/NEW Proposal £750 per approved fostering household</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Re-introduction of a previous scheme which foster carers saw as recognition and value ● Scheme detail in development <p style="text-align: right;">CHANGE in budget £159,000</p>												
<p>Exceptional Financial Assistance</p>	<p>Start-up Support Allowance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A one-off allowance to cover the cost of clothing and other essential items for the child, when a child / young person enters Derbyshire Foster Care. ● Claimed by the foster carer when required / agreed. ● Allowance processed in a maximum of one claim. 	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">Age</th> <th style="width: 40%;">Current</th> <th style="width: 45%;">Proposal</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0-4</td> <td>£115.50 (3 x £38.50)</td> <td rowspan="4" style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">Up to £200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5-10</td> <td>£132.60 (3 x £44.20)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11-15</td> <td>£149.16 (3 x £49.72)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16+</td> <td>£165.75 (3 x £55.25)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proposal is based upon reduced administration and 	Age	Current	Proposal	0-4	£115.50 (3 x £38.50)	Up to £200	5-10	£132.60 (3 x £44.20)	11-15	£149.16 (3 x £49.72)	16+	£165.75 (3 x £55.25)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claim to be made within the first two weeks of a child/young person entering Derbyshire foster care for the first time. 	<p>appropriate funding, 1 single claim</p> <p>CHANGE in budget £7,500</p>							
	<p>Fostering Equipment grants so foster carers can purchase equipment required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claimed by the foster carer when required / agreed. See Equipment guidance 	<p>No Change, As per current process and procedure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed with supervising social worker Maximum allowance will be published VAT receipt required <p>CHANGE in budget £0.00</p>							
	<p>Hospitality Allowance, for fostering households to provide hospitality in their own home to adopters/special guardians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claimed by the foster carer when required / agreed. Allowance based upon agreed standard rate. 	<p>No Change, Up to £50</p> <p>CHANGE in budget £0.00</p>							
	<p>Out-of-Hours Allowance to support emergency placement provision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fostering households providing emergency foster care when emergency placements are made outside of normal office hours by the out of hours team. Allowance in recognition of this critical service Allowance processed automatically. Allowance per child / young person placed in emergency by the out of hours team. 	<p>Change</p> <p>Current</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1070 927 1518 1129"> <tr> <td>For 1 child</td> <td>£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>For 2 children</td> <td>£75.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>For 3 or more children</td> <td>£100.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Proposed</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1686 927 1910 986"> <tr> <td>£100 per child</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variable rate does not support multiple placements Allowance increases to recognise short notice / emergency provision <p>CHANGE in budget £500.00</p>	For 1 child	£50.00	For 2 children	£75.00	For 3 or more children	£100.00	£100 per child
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	<p>IT Grant to enable foster carers to access online communications and information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A grant towards the cost of a laptop/PC for use in the Foster Carer's home. • Claimed by the foster carer when required / agreed. • Grants are available to Foster Carers every four years. • Requests can be made to Virtual School for applications for a laptop for the child / young person sole use. 	<p>No Change £350 (Disability £400)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CHANGE in budget £0.00</p>
Computer Allowances	<p>Enabling access to online communications and information to support foster carers and child / young person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A monthly allowance towards the cost of broadband provision and computer consumables such as printer ink and paper. • Allowance processed automatically. • Allowance per month, per household. 	<p>No Change Current monthly rate £10, per household</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CHANGE in budget £0.00</p>
Special Allowances	<p>Special Allowances are claimable in respect of additional expenditure incurred by foster carers that are not covered by other allowances.</p> <p>Special Allowances should be agreed in discussion with the Child's Social Worker and Supervising Social Worker.</p> <p>Examples of Special Allowances include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation for damage or exceptional wear and tear to foster carers home or property 	<p>No Change Bespoke, depending in requirements</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special dietary requirements of a child / young person • Additional costs associated with the specific health needs of a child/young person • Additional books or equipment needed for school • Specialist clothing needs • Materials for life story work (e.g. professional photographs) 	CHANGE in budget £0.00																	
	<p>Prom Special Allowance: A claimable allowance towards the cost of a young person's prom-night when leaving school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claimed by the foster carer when required / agreed. 	No Change Currently £100 CHANGE in budget £0.00																	
Link Care Allowances	<p>Short break care for children / young people with a disability who live at home with their family.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depending upon need, this allowance can be provided as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a day allowance, ○ weekly allowance (pro rata, including an overnight premium), ○ additional health need identified. • Allowance processed weekly. • Allowance processed automatically dependent upon provision type provided. • The allowance is age related, per child / young person. 	<p>Change</p> <p>Current</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1066 1002 2007 1377"> <tr> <td rowspan="5" style="background-color: #c48000; color: white; text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">Link Care (Overnight stays)</td> <td style="background-color: #fff9c4;">0-10 (overnight weekly rate)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£447.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #fff9c4;">0-10 (overnight rate)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£63.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #fff9c4;">11+ (overnight weekly rate)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£475.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #fff9c4;">11+ (overnight rate)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£67.92</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #fff9c4;">Additional Health Care Needs (overnight weekly rate)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£514.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2" style="background-color: #a2c4c9; color: white; text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">Link Care (Day rates)</td> <td style="background-color: #a2c4c9;">0-10 (weekly rate for day rates)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£329.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #a2c4c9;">0-10 (full day rate, 5 hours or more)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£35.29</td> </tr> </table>		Link Care (Overnight stays)	0-10 (overnight weekly rate)	£447.32	0-10 (overnight rate)	£63.90	11+ (overnight weekly rate)	£475.44	11+ (overnight rate)	£67.92	Additional Health Care Needs (overnight weekly rate)	£514.12	Link Care (Day rates)	0-10 (weekly rate for day rates)	£329.37	0-10 (full day rate, 5 hours or more)	£35.29
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- In addition, Link Carers receive a pro-rata Fostering Professional Fee based on their Skills Band
- Link carers allowance is based upon the Weekly Fostering Allowance
- Link carers allowance includes a retention element, rewarding carers for the more short breaks provided
- Day allowances are calculated based upon pro-rata Weekly Fostering Allowance plus Disability Living Allowance (based on DLA at higher rate care component)
- Where overnight care is provided, this is recognised in a higher weekly allowance applied pro-rata for the length stay/number of days care provided
- Children/ young people with Additional Health Needs receive additional financial support

	0-10 (part day rate, less than 5 hours)	£23.53
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	Additional Health Care Needs (weekly rate for day rates)	£396.17
	Additional Health Care Needs (full day, 5 hours or more)	£42.45
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Current calculation of rates:

Week rate overnight stays - WFA+DLA+£147,

Week rate day – WFA+DLA+£29.05

- day rate is 75% pro rata
- part day rate 50% pro rata

Proposed Link Care Allowances

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5-10	£28.37	£14.54	£42.91	£450.56
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Contract Care Rates

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16+	£265.37	£544.93	£810.30

Contract Care Short Break Rates

Age	Weekly Fostering Allowance minus clothing element	Contract Care Fee	Weekly Contract Care Short Break Rate
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5-10	£168.78	£544.93	£713.71
11-15	£192.69	£544.93	£737.62
16+	£225.56	£544.93	£770.49

Reflective practice 2*£150

CHANGE in budget £184,200

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- The allowance is age related, per child / young person.
- In addition, Short Break carers receive a pro-rata Fostering Professional Fee based on their Skills Band
- Short Break carers allowance is based upon the Weekly Fostering Allowance
- Short Break carers allowance includes a retention element, rewarding carers for the more short breaks provided
- Day allowances are calculated based upon pro-rata Weekly Fostering Allowance.
- Where overnight care is provided, this is recognised in a higher weekly allowance applied pro-rata for the length stay/number of days care provided
- Derbyshire recommends the Weekly Fostering Allowance for short breaks be allocated as follows:

Activities	Transport	Household	Total
15%	9%	76%	100%

	11-15 (weekly rate)	£222.86
	11-15 (full day rate 5+ hours)	£23.87
	11-15 (part day rate less than 5 hours)	£15.92
	16+ (weekly rate)	£255.93
	16+ (full day rate 5+ hours)	£27.42
	16+ (part day rate less than 5 hours)	£18.28

Current:

Week Rate = WFA-clothing element+ ARA

Week rate day

- day rate is 75% pro rata weekly rate
- part day rate 50% pro rata weekly rate

Proposed

Age	Short Break Day Allowance	Short Break Weekly allowance (applied pro-rata for length of stay/ number of days care provided)
0-4	£25.60	£268.80
5-10	£28.37	£297.89
11-15	£32.38	£339.99
16+	£37.91	£398.06

Proposal:

- Removal of part day allowance, minimal budget impact and removes administration
- The day allowance is the WFA pro-rata.
- As with Link Care overnight premium is 1.5 x the day allowance

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WFA guidance clothing exchanged for activities <p style="text-align: right;">CHANGE in budget £25,000</p>																									
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