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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: FOI349567664**

Thank you for your request for information relating to subsistence payments to families with no recourse to public funds.

You have requested the following information:

**1. In a recent reply to a FOIA response submitted 26/02/2021 you outlined the local authority's policy on the provision of financial support to families with No Recourse to Public Funds ("NRPF") seeking access to support under section 17 of the Children Act 1989. Under the Freedom of Information Act, could you please confirm whether the local authority, for a family eligible for support under Section 17 of the Children's Act 1989, who have no other source of income:**

**a. has guidance on the minimum or median rate of support provided per family member?**

Yes, we take guidance from the Home Office Recommended rate per carer. The rate per child is aligned with Child Benefit rate.

**b. if so, what is the minimum or median rate received per week (or fortnight if subsistence is paid fortnightly rather than weekly)?**

£39.63 week per carer.

£21.15 week per child.

**c. whether the local authority provides additional funds for children aged 1-3?**

**d. whether the local authority provides additional funds for children aged 0-1?**

**e. whether the local authority provides additional funds for pregnant mothers?**

For Questions 1c to 1e, the response is an additional fund.

**f. whether the local authority provided any additional subsistence payments during the Covid-19 pandemic to help with additional costs?**

This is assessed on a one to one basis depending on the need.

**g. if the answer to any of questions c)-f) is yes, then please outline what additional funds are received per week (or fortnight if subsistence is paid fortnightly rather than weekly)?**

Children aged 1 to 3 years - £3 per week

Children aged 0 to 1 year - £5 per week

Pregnant mothers - £3 per week

**h. whether the local authority provides a maternity grant following the birth of a child?**

**i. and if so, how much is this grant and is it provided for every child or only for the first child born to the mother?**

**j. whether the local authority provides discretionary payments for additional expenditure, eg. winter clothes, school uniforms, travel costs?**

**k. and if so, is there any guidance on the maximum amount payable or the frequency of payments?**

For Questions 1h to 1k, these are assessed on a one to one basis depending on the need.

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Yours faithfully

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