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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI471512961

Thank you for your request for information relating to Independent Foster Care Services.

You have requested the following information:

1. Details of the average fee rates agreed with external suppliers of Independent Foster Care Services for the current year (2022/2023). This is based on only one child with no disability and excludes allowances.

The average rate of a fostering placement is £887 per week for 2022/2023.

2. Details of the lowest, highest and average weekly fee rates paid to local authority carers (standard carer allowance, no extra skills payment).

Please note that for question 2, we do not require details of all rates paid to individual suppliers, simply minimum, maximum and average rates payable.

Following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Council website, please use the following link:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/24320/payments-for-coventry-city-council-foster-carers-2022-23>

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

3. The number of looked after children in Foster Care as of 03 October 2022 and of those children, the percentage looked after by independent foster agencies.

Number of foster children (under 18) on 3 October 2022: 536

Number of foster children (under 18) looked after by independent foster agencies: 143

% of foster children (under 18) looked after by independent foster agencies: 26.7%

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Yours faithfully

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