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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI528541910**

Thank you for your request for information relating to s17 financial assistance.

You have requested the following information:

**Please treat this as a request for information under the FOIA 2000 in respect of Financial Assistance (s17 of the Children Act 1989), as follows below:**

**1. In relation to the children's social care department, please provide the criteria and/or assessment by which a social worker uses to determine the prospective person(s) who is responsible for caring for the child eligibility to receive payment(s) of money**

Please see the attached.

**2. In relation to the Children's Social Care department, what size/sum of money is acceptable to be given as cash and when should a payment be made into the recipient parent(s) who is responsible for caring for the child's bank account and what other factors influence whether the payment should be made via cash or paid into the recipient's bank account**

In some circumstances when payment is required immediately, cash will be given. If payments are being made in a planned way, then payments can be made directly into the recipient's bank account. The size/sum varies dependent on the individuals assessed need.

**3. Please provide your template / commonly used document for capturing the recipient's**

**signature used to confirm they have received the stated amount of money if paid to them in cash**

Please see the attached.

**4. In circumstances where the resident parent with parental responsibility is in receipt of financial assistance from the Local Authority, should the details including the frequency and sums of payments made be communicated to the non-resident parent with parental responsibility and/or stated in the Supervision Order Plan?**

This would depend on the individual circumstances of the situation as to whether information is shared with a non-resident parent.

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Yours faithfully

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