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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI594453939

Thank you for your request for information relating to care leavers' setting up home allowance.

You have requested the following information:

1. On the 1st March 2024, what was the total amount you offered to care leavers for their setting up home allowance/leaving care grant? (£)

£3,000.00

2. If on the 1st March 2024 the allowance/grant was less than £3,000, are there plans to increase it to £3,000 in 2024?

Yes

No

Don't know

Not applicable.

3. If a care leaver has already accessed some or all of their grant/allowance and the amount received was lower than £3000, will they be able to request the uplift / difference between £3000 and what they have already received?

Yes

No

Don't know

Not applicable.

4. Appendix E of the Transitions to Adulthood guidance specifies that all local authorities should have a policy that sets out the level of the setting up home allowance, how it will be used and any conditions for its use reflecting local priorities.

a. Do you have a written policy on the setting up home allowance/leaving care grant ? (please attach a copy)

b. If yes, when was this policy last reviewed? (date: Month-Year)

Yes, this was last reviewed October 2018.

5. Does your local authority pay for any of the following items for care leavers in addition to the setting up home allowance/leaving care grant?

Item Yes (in addition to allowance/grant) No (it's included in allowance/grant) Don't know

a. Broadband costs

Yes, access through SIM free internet.

b. Carpets

No, this included in the grant.

c. Cooking equipment

No, this included in the grant.

d. First grocery shop

Yes.

e. Furniture

No, this included in the grant.

f. House content insurance

No, this included in the grant.

g. Mobile phone costs

Yes, access through SIM card free calls.

h. Redecoration costs of home

No, this included in the grant.

i. TV licence

No, this included in the grant.

j. Utility bills

No.

k. White goods

No, this included in the grant.

l. Other (please describe)

Not applicable.

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