



Reference: FOI4036

Request:

In a recent reply to a FOIA response submitted 23/11/2020 (attached for reference) 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.

Following on from this, 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?

No set rate and is assessed on individual circumstances including consideration to what they may of been in receipt of in benefits where appropriate.

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

As above

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

As above

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

As above

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

As above

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

Yes

- 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)?

Discussed at Family and Friends Panel and additional monies agreed, i.e utilities/food

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

As above

- 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?

As above and assessed in line with what benefits the family/child may have been entitled to

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

Yes additional requests come to a Family and Friends panel for discussion and agreement by the AD.

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

No