

## NLAFC Funding of Specialist Remand Foster Carers

It has been agreed by the Heads of Service of the 5 Consortium Boroughs that a rate of **£850** per week is paid to the specialist remand foster carers for the allowance and fee for each Remand placement. Because these are looked after young people, the LAC Team responsible for the young person agrees and pays for the foster placement when the child is in placement e.g. Camden young person is placed with an Islington foster carer, Camden will bill Islington LAC for the cost of the placement for the length of time the young person is in placement.

A retainer of £450 per week will be paid between placements for up to 4 weeks after a placement ends, and for a total of up to 13 weeks per annum. Between placements. The retainer is paid for by the borough for whom the foster carer fosters e.g. Islington fostering pay the retainer for the Islington Remand Foster Carer.

If a specialist remand foster carer on the Scheme agrees to continue to foster the young person after the period of the Remand, their payment rate will revert to the rate usually paid in their Borough for a teenage foster placement.

If a young person leaves the placement prematurely, the Remand placement will end on the date agreed at the End of Placement Meeting.

Due to the limited length of each placement it is not anticipated that there will be holiday or anniversary expenses for foster carers. If there are any such additional expenses, these will need to be negotiated in advance with the placing Social Worker for the child.

Alarm systems for the Remand Foster carers homes will be provided by their approving authority.

Mileage or transport expenses will be paid at the usual rate of the local authority that approved the foster carer.

This payment structure will commence when Scheme foster carers commence their first placement.

The Scheme will initially be for one year and subject to monitoring and review. If the Remand Scheme was not continued after one year, Remand Carers could be considered for transfer to one of the other Consortium Team's specialist teenage fostering schemes, or to become mainstream foster carers.

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