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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI765316181**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Fostering Policy.

You have requested the following information:

**I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information regarding foster carers approved for emergency duty / out-of-hours placements (sometimes referred to as “EDT carers”):**

**1. Please provide the current policy, guidance, or handbook that sets out the rate of pay, annual leave or respite entitlement (in days or nights) for emergency duty foster carers.**

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.

The link below covers information about “rate of pay” and “holiday pay” in addition to foster carer fees and child allowance. All of these payments will be pro-rate. For Out of Hours carers, there is no “respite entitlement”.

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/fostering-1/different-types-fostering/2>

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/42028/fostering-fees-leaflet-2025-2026>

**2. If the leave/respice entitlement differs from that of standard foster carers, please explain how.**

Mainstream foster carers do not currently receive a holiday pay as part of their fostering fee and “respice” is usually individual to a fostering household.

**3. Please provide any information on the rota model / on-call arrangements for emergency duty foster carers (e.g., number of nights per week/month, standby expectations).**

The rota is drawn up with the Out of Hours carers and the rota cover is completely ad hoc as it depends on the availability of the Out of Hours carers.

**4. If available, please provide details of any paid/unpaid leave rules that apply specifically to emergency duty foster carers.**

Information on “Holiday pay” arrangement can be found using the link below (as per Section 21 FOI)

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/fostering-1/different-types-fostering/2>

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Yours faithfully

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