

7 FOSTERING ALLOWANCE 2002/2003 (AN29-2002)

It is recommended that the undernoted rates be paid to foster carers and adopters. These are the rates recommended by Fostering Network.

FOSTERING NETWORK RECOMMENDED RATES

Foster Allowance and Adoption Allowance:

<u>Age</u>	<u>2002/2003</u> <u>Recommended rate per week</u>	<u>2001/02</u> <u>Recommended rate per week</u>
0 - 4 years	£69.09	£61.88
5 - 10 years	£78.75	£76.86
11 - 15 years	£98.00	£95.62
16 - 18 years	£125.02	£123.83

Proposed Weekly Carer Fees:

Already agreed at Social Work Committee held on 19th March, 2001 and as stated in the Foster Care Strategy, the level of fee was agreed to be increased each year in line with the annual APT&C pay award.

<u>Weekly Carers Fee</u>	<u>2002/2003</u>	<u>2001/02</u>
ACE	£341.00	£331.38
Fee	£119.35	£116.00

Other Allowances:

<u>Allowance</u>	<u>2002/03</u>	<u>2001/02</u>
Mileage	0.34p per mile	34p per mile
Nappies	£3.13 per week	£3.13 per week
Bus Pass (under 16)	£4.75 per week	£4.75 per week
Bus Pass (16 and over)	£9.50 per week	£9.50 per week
Telephone (Allowance, Fee and ACE Carers)	£100.00 per year	£100.00 per year
Multi Placement (Allowance Carers)	£8.00 per child per week	£8.00 per child per week
Multi Placement (Fee Carers)	75% of carer fee	75% of carer fee

LINK AND RESIDENCE ALLOWANCE

Proposed weekly allowance:

The amount paid is the equivalent to Income Support Rates and it is recommended that these are increased to:

	<u>2002/03</u>	<u>2001/02</u>
0 - 16 years	£33.50	£30.95
Over 16 years	£34.30	£30.95
Family Premium	£14.75	£14.25

It is further recommended that should the Income Support rate increase during the year, the allowances are increased accordingly.

CUSTODY ALLOWANCE

<u>Age</u>	<u>2002/03</u>	<u>2001/02</u>
0 - 4 years	£59.05	£57.61
5 - 10 years	£73.26	£71.47
11 - 15 years	£91.19	£88.97