

	Rate used for 16-17	Proposed Rates for 17-18	Basis of Increase
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(2) ADOPTION SERVICE CHARGES (Ref 2.2)**Inter Agency Charges****Adopters Charge**

Local Authorities	One Child	27,000.00	27,000.00	Rates confirmed; no change since 2014-15
	2 Siblings	43,000.00	43,000.00	Rates confirmed; no change since 2014-15
	3+ Siblings	60,000.00	60,000.00	Rates confirmed; no change since 2014-15
Voluntary Adoption Agencies	One Child	27,000.00	27,000.00	Rates confirmed; no change since 2014-15
	2 Siblings	43,000.00	43,000.00	Rates confirmed; no change since 2014-15
	3 Siblings	60,000.00	60,000.00	Rates confirmed; no change since 2014-15
	4 Siblings	68,000.00	68,000.00	Rates confirmed; no change since 2014-15
	5 Siblings	80,000.00	80,000.00	Rates confirmed; no change since 2014-15

(3) FOSTER CARE PAYMENTS**Reward Element (Ref 2.3a)**

age 0-8 yrs	108.61	110.29	Increase based on Average of CPI (1.0%) rate and TCP rate (2.2%)
age 9-18 yrs	206.29	209.49	Increase based on Average of CPI (1.0%) rate and TCP rate (2.2%)

Maintenance (Ref 2.3b)

Increase to match the national minimum fostering allowances plus 4 weeks for holiday funding.

all placements under2	146.44	148.62	17-18 rates as published
all placements 2-4	150.78	152.92	17-18 rates as published
all placements 5-8	168.00	170.15	17-18 rates as published
all placements 9-10	168.00	170.15	17-18 rates as published
all placements 11-15	190.61	192.77	17-18 rates as published
all placements 16-17	224.00	227.23	17-18 rates as published
all placements 18+	224.00	227.23	17-18 rates as published

Disability Enhancement (Ref 2.3c)

Enhanced	82.53	82.53	Increase based on Nil Increase (0.0%)
Standard	61.88	61.88	Increase based on Nil Increase (0.0%)

(4) FOSTER CARE SKILLS BASED PAYMENTS (Ref 2.4)

Allocation introduced in October 2006

Level 2	20.23	20.43	Increase based on CPI rate as at September 2016 - 1.0%
Level 3	50.54	51.05	Increase based on CPI rate as at September 2016 - 1.0%

(5) SPECIALIST FOSTER CARE PAYMENTS**Single Placement Supplement (Ref 2.5a)**

Twice the age related reward. In addition to these reward payments carers also receive the age related maintenance payment.

Increase based on Average of Ontario's 1&2 (1.60%)

age 0-8 yrs	217.22	220.58	Option 3 in Report, average percentage increase of Options 1 and 2
age 9-18 yrs	412.58	418.98	Option 3 in Report, average percentage increase of Options 1 and 2

Therapeutic Fostering all ages (Ref 2.5b)

Twice the maximum reward plus maximum maintenance

	636.58	646.21	Average Percentage increase of TCP (2.2%) increase and CPI increase (1.0%) for reward element.
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(6) OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY CHARGES**Other Local Authority Charges - (Ref 3.a-c)**

Fostering Service - Social Work Support - rate per hour	68.76	70.27	Increase based on average TCP figure for 2017-18 - 2.2%
General - Assessment - rate per hour	68.76	70.27	Increase based on average TCP figure for 2017-18 - 2.2%

Finance Administration Fee - rate per invoice	10.36	10.46	Increase based on CPI rate as at September 2016 - 1.0%
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Essential Living Allowance (Ref 2.7)

Care Leavers and Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children	57.90	57.90	DWP Published Rates for 17-18 (Single Adult Under 25)
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