

1. Details of the lowest, highest and average weekly fee rates agreed with external suppliers of Independent Foster Care Services for the current year (2019/2020).	Minimum rate: £325.99
	Average rate: £691.57
	Maximum rate: £2,200.00
	*Rates as at 31 Mar 2019
2. Details of the lowest, highest and average weekly fee rates paid to local authority carers.	Minimum rate: £90.00
	Average rate: £160.87
	Maximum rate: £183.47
	*Rates as at 31 Mar 2019
	**Fees exclude allowances
3. Details of the rates of each tier for independent fostering agencies (if there is a framework agreement in place), or confirmation that tier rates have not changed from the previous year.	A tender exercise is proposed with a view to creating a new framework from September 19. A consultation exercise is currently underway which proposes an uplift of 2.4%. The rates for 19/20 will be formally established once the tender exercise has been completed.
4. The number of looked after children in foster care as at 31 March 2019 and of those children, the percentage looked after by independent foster agencies.	At 31st March 2019, there was 269 children in Foster Care, 43 of these were in IND FC placements. This equates to 16%.