

Payment Dates

Start date	End Date	In Bank
22-Mar-11	18-Apr-11	22-Apr-11
19-Apr-11	16-May-11	20-May-11
17-May-11	13-Jun-11	17-Jun-11
14-Jun-11	11-Jul-11	15-Jul-11
12-Jul-11	08-Aug-11	12-Aug-11
09-Aug-11	05-Sep-11	09-Sep-11
06-Sep-11	03-Oct-11	07-Oct-11
04-Oct-11	31-Oct-11	04-Nov-11
01-Nov-11	28-Nov-11	02-Dec-11
29-Nov-11	26-Dec-11	30-Dec-11
27-Dec-11	23-Jan-12	27-Jan-12
24-Jan-12	20-Feb-12	24-Feb-12
21-Feb-12	19-Mar-12	23-Mar-12
20-Mar-12	16-Apr-12	20-Apr-12

Please can you ensure that your Outreach forms, telephone and mileage claims are with the admin team 8 days before the end of the payment period to enable processing for payment. Forms must be submitted at intervals of no greater than 2 months.

Questions regarding fees, allowances or other payments should be discussed with administration staff at the Resource Team or your liaison social worker.

For fuller information on Carer Payments please refer to Part 3 of the Carer Information Pack.



West Lothian
Council

Payments to Carers

From 5 April 2011

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Payment Rates

Carers receive an allowance for the child and a fee payment in recognition of their work, for each placement. New carers are usually paid at Level 1 fee, and this increases to Level 2 when carers have more experience and have completed mandatory training. The allowance for a child is lower for a young child and increases as the child gets older.

In addition, Christmas and Birthday allowances are paid equivalent to 1 week's Total Allowance. Holiday allowance is equivalent to 2 weeks Total Allowance and is paid in May of each year. Christmas allowances will be paid in the period in advance of the one in which Christmas falls.

Respite

Respite payments are paid on a pro rata basis for the days that a child is with you. Clothing and pocket money for the child continues to be paid to the child's main carer.

Fostering Allowance Payments

Age Range	0 - 4	5 - 10	11 - 13	14 - 15	16 - 19
Clothing	£10.49	£15.56	£22.49	£22.49	£26.74
Pocket Money	£1.58	£4.63	£7.81	£11.01	£18.17
Maintenance	£63.00	£72.96	£85.61	£82.39	£105.23
Total	£75.07	£93.15	£115.91	£115.89	£150.14

The above represents a breakdown of the Total weekly allowances showing guideline figures for maintenance, clothing and pocket money

Fostering Fee Payments

Fees	Level 1	Level 2
Daily	£14.95	£20.51
Weekly	£106.76	£146.44

In addition enhanced payments can be paid in exceptional circumstances for individual children. These payments are dependent on a child being assessed and meeting certain criteria. They are also regularly reviewed. Resource Team staff can give further details.

Day Care

Payments are based on the time that a child is with a Day Carer, with additional monies paid for meals, and if there is a particularly early start or late finish to the placement. A Day Carer looking after a child for more than 5 hours a day, covering both morning and afternoon, and giving the child lunch would receive £68.67 per week. In addition the carer would receive a weekly fee of £9.76, making a total of £78.43.

Outreach

There are three different types of Outreach and payment rates differ. These are:

- Befriending - Paid at a sessional rate (up to 5 hours)
- Daytime Care - Paid at a sessional rate (up to 5 hours)
- Family Support - Paid at an hourly rate = £6.00 per hour

Befriending/Daytime Care = £12.23 per session

Payments by Young People

Young people who are looked after by foster carers and who are in paid employment or training are asked to make a contribution towards their Board and Lodgings from their wages. There is an agreed sliding scale of contributions dependant on the young person's income. The young person will be required to pay that contribution directly to their carer(s) (and consequently the carer's weekly fostering allowance will be reduced accordingly).

However in order that the young people can maintain a good standard of appropriate work-place clothing, the clothing element of the fostering allowance will continue to be paid to the carer.

For further information and details of the sliding scale please contact Resource Team Admin Staff or your liaison worker.