

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

FIRST, Please can you provide your Council's total payments to Fostering Agencies, during the financial year 2010-2011. I rapidly discovered via other Councils that these cannot be subdivided into their component parts.

The spend for Fostering Agencies between 2010 - 2011:
£1,459,738.03.

SECOND, - what does your County's £26,300 on 'education' cover? (in the fostering context)

Education/Activities. The Leisure Fund provides funding for children's activities and includes payments for: sporting activities, cycle proficiency, drama, club membership etc. (see attached).

THIRD, - What does your Council's £13,651 to ex-foster parents when former foster children are at university, PAY FOR?

The £13,651 paid to ex-foster carers where former foster children are at university is to cover term-time and holiday accommodation costs (as the LA has a duty to provide accommodation for 52 weeks of the year for care leavers at university)

FOURTH, - WHY does your Council PAY FOR a foster children's OWN children's club?

In relation to the Sons and Daughter's group. There was insufficient budget to allow this to be supported.

Previous years' funding was from a YOPPITAL WONGA bid, which was successful.

The Sons and Daughter's Group is continuing through the joint commitment of fostering staff and the young people themselves by fund raising. There have been numerous sponsored events and money raised by selling food at a Diwali lunch for example. We have also managed to secure free tickets to the Circus and to Alton Towers.

Fund raising also provides refreshments for the group meetings.

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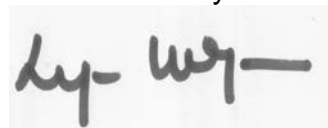
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Yours sincerely



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