

FosterPortsmouth

(To be read in conjunction with the Carers' Fee and Allowance Policy 2024/25)

Specialist and Other Fees

Intensive Foster Family Bridging Care

For some children who come from complex backgrounds and have high support needs, they sometimes require a period of short-term care with resilient, highly skilled, trauma informed carers. These carers play a crucial role in providing a safe, nurturing family environment where the child can be supported to regain a sense of stability.

The arrangement is for a local short-term twenty eight day (potentially more according to the child's needs) intensive care where the child is prepared for their move on home. The foster family are part of a wider support hub comprising of the foster service (including Out of Hours), the children's social worker and team, education, health (physical/mental), adolescent service, youth justice team, police and the adult family safeguarding team. The hub will work intensively together to prepare the child to make a smooth transition on to their next home which could be with family, another foster family or identified children's home.

The fostering family will receive a weekly fee of £1,000 per week and any relevant child related allowances (as with any other fostering arrangement). A 50% retainer will be paid for periods when there is no child being cared for.