

INTERAGENCY FEES 2018-19

The current interagency fee is £27,000 for placements between Local Authorities or Regional Adoption Agencies. The charges are shown in the chart below.

The fee level of agencies in London will have a weighting of 10%, giving a figure of £29,700.

Details of Interagency Fees for placements with a Voluntary Adoption Agency (VAA) can be found on the CVAA website - <http://www.cvaa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/CVAA-Inter-agency-Fee-Levels-and-Guidance-2018-19-final.docx>. From 1 June 2018 the interagency fee for a placement with a VAA has been increased to £31,000.

In England the interagency fee is decided by the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS) in discussion with the Consortium of Voluntary Adoption Agencies (CVAA) UK.

In Scotland fees are agreed through service level agreements between Local Authorities, consortia members and VAAs.

In Wales fees are agreed between ADSS Cymru & the National Adoption Service for Wales and CVAA.

In Northern Ireland, agreements are reached between the five Health and Social Care Trusts. VAAs charge the CVAA recommended fee.

Any changes agreed will be reflected in information available on the CoramBAAF website and the CVAA website.

The fee covers the following aspects of interagency work:

- 1) Recruiting, preparing, assessing and approving families.
- 2) Meetings with the child's agency, preparing and supporting the family during the matching process, placement planning and introductions and making the placement.
- 3) Supporting the family for the first 12 months following placement.

Further payment is required if an adoption order is not made within 12 months of placement.

Financial support and support in relation to contact arrangements would primarily be the responsibility of the placing authority.

Additional support services linked to the needs identified in the Adoption Support Plan can be purchased from the approving agency and should be detailed in the agreement.

Part 1 and Part 2 of the fee is charged on placement, part 3 is charged when the Adoption Order is made or 12 months after the placement started, whichever is first. Ongoing supervision is charged where an Adoption Order has not been granted after 12 months and ongoing placement supervision is being provided by the approving agency (calculated to be charged on a monthly basis).

Part 3 of the fee for both new and existing placements can be charged either as a lump sum at the end of a year or on a monthly basis.

Interagency Fees

For 1 child	Full fee £27000	London - (<i>£29,700</i>)
Part One	£18,000	(<i>£19,800</i>)
Part Two	£9,000	(<i>£9,900</i>)
Ongoing supervision	£750 per month	(<i>£825 per month</i>)
For 2 children	Full fee £43,000	London - (<i>£47,300</i>)
Part One	£28,667	(<i>£31,534</i>)
Part Two	£14,333	(<i>£15,766</i>)
Ongoing supervision	£1,194 per month	(<i>£1,314 per month</i>)
For 3 children	Full fee £60,000	London - (<i>£66,000</i>)
Part One	£40,000	(<i>£44,000</i>)
Part Two	£20,000	(<i>£22,000</i>)
Ongoing supervision	£1,667 per month	(<i>£1,833 per month</i>)
For 4 children	Full fee £68,000 (<i>£74,800</i>)	
Part One	£45,333	(<i>£49,866</i>)
Part Two	£22,677	(<i>£24,934</i>)
Ongoing supervision	£1,889 per month	(<i>£2,078 per month</i>)
For 5 children	Full fee £80,000	London - (<i>£88,000</i>)
Part One	£53,333	(<i>£58,667</i>)
Part Two	£26,677	(<i>£29,333</i>)
Ongoing supervision	£2,222 per month	(<i>£2,444 per month</i>)

Note: London figures shown in italics

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The fee is charged in equal thirds of £9,000 - £18,000 at the point of placement and £9,000 after one year or at the granting of the Adoption Order, whichever comes first.