



Consortium of Voluntary Adoption Agencies

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To: Department of Health (Northern Ireland)
CC: Family Care Adoption Services

Dear Colleague,

Inflationary increase in the interagency fee for 2022/23

On 19 January 2022, the [Office for National Statistics](#) (ONS) published the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) level for January-December 2021, which was 4.8%. This means that, from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, the interagency fee levels are as follows:

Number of children	Fee level <i>(additional weighting of 10% applied for agencies based in the Greater London Area)</i>
For 1 child	£33,871
For 2 children	£54,630
For 3 children	£74,297
For 4 children	£85,222
For 5 or more children	To be negotiated on an ongoing basis
Ongoing supervision	£939

The interagency fee covers the costs borne by LAs, VAAs and RAAs in recruiting and assessing adopters, matching and placing children, and providing supervision and support up to the point of the adoption order.

The interagency fee [guidance on CVAA's website](#) will be updated with the new figures towards the end of March.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or CVAA's Head of Policy and Member Services, Alice Talbot (alice.talbot@cvaa.org.uk).

Although this increase is substantially more than the 0.8% rise last year, interagency fees continue to provide real value for money, both in comparison with the lifetime costs of other permanency placements and in relation to research which calculated the cost of an adoption placement for a single child as £36,905 in 2014 ([Selwyn et al.](#))

VAAs continue to provide lifelong support to the children and young people they place, adopted adults and their families. This is becoming ever more important as the complexity of children placed by VAAs increases along with the lifetime impact of their early trauma.

Crucially, adoption continues to have very positive outcomes for care experienced children and we look forward to working with you in the year ahead to find loving, forever families for the many children in your care who need them.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maggie Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maggie Jones, Chief Executive Officer
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