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To: Chief Social Work Officers, Scotland Finance Directors, COSLA, Social Work Scotland, AFKA Scotland, Scotland's Adoption Register

CC: Scottish Adoption & Fostering, St Andrew's Children's Society, St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society, Barnardo's Scotland, Kibble Adoption, Scottish Government

Dear Colleague,

**Re: Inflationary Increase in the Interagency Fee for 2026/27**

On 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 the [Office for National Statistics](#) (ONS) published the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) level for January-December 2025, which was 3.6%. In line with the agreed policy the inflationary increase in the interagency fee from 1st April 2026 will therefore also be 3.6%.

For this year, the inflationary rise in the fee rates for sibling placements in Scotland is slightly less than in the rest of the UK. This means that the same rates are now applied across the UK but importantly, recognises the commitment in Scotland through The Promise by Scottish VAAs, to do all we can together to encourage the permanent placement of siblings together.

This means that, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027, the interagency fee levels are as follows:

<b>Number of Children</b>	<b>Fee Level</b> <i>(additional weighting of 10% applied for agencies operating in the Greater London Area)</i>
For 1 child	£40,658
For 2 children	£65,576
For 3 children	£89,184
For 4 children	£102,297
For 5 or more children	To be negotiated on an ongoing basis
Ongoing supervision	£1,127

The interagency fee covers some of the costs borne by VAAs and LAs in recruiting and assessing adopters, matching and placing children, and providing supervision and support up to the point of the adoption order, or for one year from placement, whichever is the sooner.

The interagency fee [guidance](#) on the CVAA website will be updated with the new figures shortly.

We look forward to working with you in the year ahead to find more loving families for the children in your care who need the lifelong permanence that adoption provides.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [myself](#) or CVAA's Director of Strategy and Policy, [Alice Talbot](#).

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Satwinder Sandhu', with a stylized, cursive script.

Satwinder Sandhu  
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**Consortium of Voluntary Adoption Agencies UK**