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**Request and response:**

1. **What is the largest amount paid for a single weekly placement at a children's home in the last three years (2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19)? Please state the highest amount and in which year it was paid. Please say which private provider this was paid to.**
2. **What is the largest amount paid for a single nightly placement at a children's home in the last three years (2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19)? Please state the highest amount and in which year it was paid. Please say which private provider this was paid to.**
3. **What is the largest amount paid for a total package of care at a children's home in the last three years (2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19)? Please state the highest amount and in which year it was paid, as well as how long the placement was for. Please say which private provider this was paid to.**

**\*By total package, a mean one child's stay at one home\***

For questions 1, 2 and 3, we consider that the search result has resulted in information which is likely to result in the release of commercially sensitive information. Therefore, we consider that it should be withheld from disclosure to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. This is due to the upcoming tendering for the Framework of providers and disclosure of this information may well prejudice this process. As per the Act we have conducted a Public Interest Test and have decided to implement Section 43(2) Commercial Interest. We can provide the highest, average, and lowest weekly fee currently paid for LAC in a children's home for 2018/19, as below:

Highest weekly fee is £989.00  
 Lowest weekly fee is £700.00  
 Average weekly fee is £820.00

**Information provided by:** Together for Families

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