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# **Fees and frequency regulations 2015 to 2016**

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- To**
- local authorities
  - providers of children's homes
  - registered managers of children's homes
  - voluntary organisations providing support and services for disabled young people and their families
  - parents
  - Ofsted
  - Boarding schools and residential further educational colleges
  - Residential special schools
  - Residential family centres
  - Holiday schemes for disabled children
- Issued** 27 November 2014
- Enquiries To** If your enquiry is related to the policy content of the consultation please email to: [ffinspectionsconsultation@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ffinspectionsconsultation@education.gsi.gov.uk)

## Contact Details

If your enquiry is related to the DfE e-consultation website or the consultation process in general, you can contact the Ministerial and Public Communications Division by email: [consultation.unit@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.unit@education.gsi.gov.uk) or by telephone: 0370 000 2288 or via the Gov.UK ['Contact Us'](#) page.

## 1 Foreword

- 1.1 The aim of this consultation is to seek the views of interested parties on the proposed changes to Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) Regulations 2007.
- 1.2 This consultation seeks views on:
- (a) Increasing inspection fees for children's social care and residential education providers by 20% in 2015-16, where they do not already pay the full cost of Ofsted conducting their inspection. This continues the policy, introduced in 2009, that providers should meet the full costs of inspections. See Annex A for a list of the proposed fees to be charged by Ofsted for inspecting children's social care and residential education settings.

- (b) To increase the registration/variation fees charged by Ofsted by 10% so that they also move towards full-cost recovery. See annex B for a list of the proposed registration/variation fees.

## **2 Fees and Frequency for Inspections Regulations**

- 2.1 Since 2010-11 the inspection fees charged by Ofsted for children's social care providers have been set using a model for calculating fees developed by Ofsted in 2008-09 ("the 2008-09 Ofsted cost model"). The cost of each inspection activity is calculated based on two key elements:
1. Number of inspection days (for each grade of inspector used) multiplied by -
  2. Day rates (for each grade of inspector used).
- 2.2 Ofsted developed this model to give greater transparency to providers on how fees were set, providing a more accurate and readily understandable indication of the time and resource involved in each inspection activity. Alongside this the policy of moving providers to the 'full cost recovery of fees' was introduced in line with HM Treasury guidance.
- 2.3 The majority of providers are still a long way from paying the full cost of their inspections. This means that the government continues to subsidise these inspections and therefore the market as a whole. We are therefore proposing that for next year the pace towards full cost recovery will quicken and there will be a 20% increase for those providers not already paying the full cost of their inspection.
- 2.4 As in previous years, the inspection fees for settings that have already reached the "full-cost recovery" will be capped at the full-cost rate. This will only apply to a small number of larger settings.
- 2.5 **Registration/Variation fees**

In keeping with the objective of full recovery of Ofsted inspections we are also proposing for the first time to increase the registration/variation fees that Ofsted charge by 10%. This consultation therefore also seeks views on this further proposed increase as Ofsted move towards a full-cost recovery of fees.

### **3 Further sources of information**

You may be interested in the following links:

- Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills - [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)
- Association of Directors of Children's Services - [www.adcs.org.uk](http://www.adcs.org.uk)
- British Association for Adoption and Fostering - [www.baaf.org.uk/](http://www.baaf.org.uk/)
- Local Government Association - [www.local.gov.uk/](http://www.local.gov.uk/)
- Local Government Group - [www.local.gov.uk](http://www.local.gov.uk)
- Society of Local Authority Chief Executives - [www.solace.org.uk](http://www.solace.org.uk)
- Local authorities - [www.direct.gov.uk/en/dl1/directories/localcouncils/index.htm](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/dl1/directories/localcouncils/index.htm)

### **4 How To Respond**

- 4.1 Consultation response forms can be downloaded at: [www.education.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations)

Completed forms can be emailed to:  
[ffinspectionsconsultation@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ffinspectionsconsultation@education.gsi.gov.uk)

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### **5 Additional Copies**

- 5.1 Additional copies are available electronically and can be downloaded from the [Gov.UK](http://www.gov.uk) website.

### **6 Plans for making results public**

- 6.1 The report from this consultation and government response will be published on the Department for Education websites in January 2015.

## ANNEX A

<b><u>Proposed Annual Inspection Fees 2015-16</u></b>	2014-15 Annual Fee	2015-16 Annual Fee	<b>increase</b>
Voluntary Adoption Agency (Small)	£556	£667	<b>£111</b>
Voluntary Adoption Agency (Large)	£1,048	£1,258	<b>£210</b>
Independent Fostering Agency	£1,757	£2,108	<b>£351</b>
Adoption Support Agency (Small)	£556	£667	<b>£111</b>
Adoption Support Agency (Large)	£1,052	£1,262	<b>£210</b>
Residential Family Centre (0-3)	£1,066	£1,279	<b>£213</b>
Residential Family Centre (4)	£1,200	£1,440	<b>£240</b>
Residential Family Centre (5+)	£1,252	£1,502	<b>£250</b>
Children's homes (0-3)	£1,601	£1,921	<b>£320</b>
Children's homes (4-33)	£1,601	£1,921	<b>£320</b>
Children's homes (4-33) per place fee	£159	£192	<b>£33</b>
Children's homes (33+)	£6,399	£7,680	<b>£1,281</b>
Boarding School (0-3)	£696	£835	<b>£139</b>
Boarding School (4-12)	£696	£835	<b>£139</b>
Boarding School (4-12) per place fee	£42	£50	<b>£8</b>
Boarding School (13-50)	£1,093	£1,312	<b>£219</b>
Boarding School (51-500)	£1,530	£1,836	<b>£306</b>
Boarding School (501-800)	£1,968	£2,021*	<b>£53</b>
Boarding School (801+)	£2,405	£2,021*	<b>-£384</b>
Residential FE College (0-3)	£696	£835	<b>£139</b>
Residential FE College (4-11)	£696	£835	<b>£139</b>
Residential FE College (4-11) per place fee	£42	£50	<b>£8</b>
Residential FE College (12+)	£1,066	£1,279	<b>£213</b>
Residential Special School (0-3)	£1,280	£1,537	<b>£257</b>
Residential Special School (4-18)	£1,280	£1,537	<b>£257</b>
Residential Special School (4-18) per place fee	£127	£153	<b>£26</b>
Residential Special School (19+)	£3,189	£3,827	<b>£638</b>
LA Adoption functions	£1,278	£1,534	<b>£256</b>
LA Fostering functions	£1,997	£2,397	<b>£400</b>
Holiday Care	£2,176	£2,259*	<b>£83</b>

\* These fees have reached full-cost recovery and will be capped at this amount

## Annex B

**Proposed Registration/variation Fees 2015-16**

		2014-15 Fee	2015-16 Fee	<b>increase</b>
Children's Home (Small)	Provider registration	£596	£656	<b>£60</b>
	Manager registration	no fee	no fee	
	Minor variation	£99	£109	<b>£10</b>
	Variation requiring visit	£596	£656	<b>£60</b>
Children's Home (Large)	Provider registration	£2,186	£2,405	<b>£219</b>
	Manager registration	£596	£656	<b>£60</b>
	Minor variation	£99	£109	<b>£10</b>
	Variation requiring visit	£1,093	£1,202	<b>£109</b>
Voluntary Adoption Agency (Small)	Provider registration	£414	£455	<b>£41</b>
	Manager registration	no fee	no fee	
	Minor variation	£69	£76	<b>£7</b>
	Variation requiring visit	£414	£455	<b>£41</b>
Voluntary Adoption Agency (Large)	Provider registration	£1,518	£1,670	<b>£152</b>
	Manager registration	no fee	no fee	
	Minor variation	£69	£76	<b>£7</b>
	Variation requiring visit	£759	£835	<b>£76</b>
Independent Fostering Agency	Provider registration	£2,186	£2,405	<b>£219</b>
	Manager registration	£596	£656	<b>£60</b>
	Minor variation	£99	£109	<b>£10</b>
	Variation requiring visit	£1,093	£1,202	<b>£109</b>
Adoption Support Agency (Small)	Provider registration	£414	£455	<b>£41</b>
	Manager registration	no fee	no fee	
	Minor variation	£69	£76	<b>£7</b>
	Variation requiring visit	£414	£455	<b>£41</b>
Adoption Support Agency (Large)	Provider registration	£1,518	£1,670	<b>£152</b>
	Manager registration	£414	£455	<b>£41</b>
	Minor variation	£69	£76	<b>£7</b>
	Variation requiring visit	£759	£835	<b>£76</b>
Residential Family Centre (Small)	Provider registration	£497	£547	<b>£50</b>
	Manager registration	no fee	no fee	
	Minor variation	£83	£91	<b>£8</b>
	Variation requiring visit	£497	£547	<b>£50</b>
Residential Family Centre (Large)	Provider registration	£1,822	£2,004	<b>£182</b>
	Manager registration	£497	£547	<b>£50</b>
	Minor variation	£83	£91	<b>£8</b>
	Variation requiring visit	£911	£1,002	<b>£91</b>