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Your submission for this review:

The current carer allowance is inadequate to meet the needs of children in out of home care in the current financial climate. The cost of living crisis has put excessive financial pressure on families who care for children in OOHC and is a contributing factor to carers leaving the sector. Particularly regarding children with challenging behaviours and other complexities, the rate of carer allowance does not adequately compensate carers who need to be available consistently to support the child. It is financially necessary to maintain full time employment whilst supporting these children, which is not conducive to providing the level of support they require.