



Reference: FOI4180

Request:

I would be grateful if you could answer the following questions in relation to Auditory Processing Disorder/APD.

1. Do you have a policy supporting APD? If so, could you please refer us to it on your website, or send us a copy.
2. Do you have a Sensory Support team, Hearing Impaired/HI team or Teacher of the Deaf, or equivalent?
3. If so, do they follow NatSIP guidelines regarding the support of APD within the school setting?
4. When recommendations are made by a professional for a learner with APD, do you provide and support any recommended equipment, e.g., FM systems?
5. Would the LA expect the educational setting to provide and support FM systems? If so, how?
6. Would you like to consider adding APD Support UK to your local offer?

Response

1. We currently do not have a policy regarding APD as this is an area we are not qualified to diagnose
2. We have a Sensory Support Service with Qualified teachers of the deaf
3. Yes they will follow NATSIP guidelines around APD
4. We do not provide support for those with an APD diagnosis, other than advice to the school or setting
5. The LA would expect school / setting to provide a radio aid system under the 'reasonable adjustments' outlined in the SEND Code of practice (2015)
6. We would be happy to add APD support to our local offer and our service website