



Reference: FOI0059

Request:

We are making a request under the Freedom of Information Act for the following information relating to provision for deaf or hard-of hearing children resident in your Local Authority.

1. How many children (0-18) in your Local Authority are deaf or hard of hearing?

157

2. What percentage of overall children (0-18) in your LA are deaf or hard of hearing?

0.39%

Regarding budgets for Special Educational Needs (and Disabilities):

1. How much has been spent on provision of British Sign Language tuition, in the form of lessons for parents, lessons for children, funding for schools to deliver lessons, or tutoring for children or families with deafness?

2. Can you please provide me with the last 3 years of budgeted and actual figures?

2018/19 FY £1,608.60 one teacher employed
2017/18 FY £4,853.58 one teacher employed
2016/17 FY £2,744.16 one teacher employed
2015/16 FY £4,223.07 two teacher employed

3. Does the LA employ an individual to teach/tutor BSL to families of deaf children?

Currently one teacher employed who delivers BSL Level 1 and Family BSL in schools

4. Has this changed over the last three years?

see answers to Q1&2

5. Do any of the LA's teachers of the deaf / Specialist Teachers teach/tutor BSL to children or families?

Yes our Family BSL

6. Has this changed over the last three years?

Courses run as and when schools request the course

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Regarding Education, Health and Care Plans

1. How many children have British Sign Language mentioned as a special educational need in their Education, Health and Care Plan?

4

2. Has this changed over the last three years?

Yes

3. Of these, how many children have British Sign Language tuition (for them or for their parents/carers/family) named in the provision section of the plan?

None

4. Has this changed over the last three years? • How are these provisions fulfilled? • Are any of these provisions made through personal budgets?

No – the pupils mentioned are native BSL users, born to deaf parents in 3 cases. Therefore they do not require any tuition. In terms of the fourth case, the parent attends sign tuition independently