

Reference: FOI1424

## Request:

We would be grateful if you could answer the following questions (for the financial year 2019/2020) to determine the arrangements made by your local authority to commission vision screening for your eligible resident population and it's quality assurance.

## Questions

Do you currently commission vision screening in school of children aged 4-5 years old?
Y / N

If YES, would you please:

No, we do not commission vision screening in school of children aged 4-5 years old.

- 2. List the key features of your commissioned screening service:
- a. Settings (e.g. school).
- b. Screening personnel (e.g. orthoptist, school nurse or other health professional).
- c. The onward care pathway for children who fail the vision screening.
- d. The quality assurance (QA) processes (audit) and identified clinical lead for the vision screening service
- 3. Tell us how you monitor if every child in your Local Authority has been tested (including those in private schools or those who are home-schooled).
- 4. Tell us whether the programme will be commissioned again in the next financial year
- 5. If NO- you do not currently commission a vision screening service in your area, would you please tell us:
- a. why you do not commission vision screening?

We do not commission a service because North Tyneside Council provides vision screening for 4-5 year olds through the 0-19 Children's Public Health Nursing Service and the staff within that service (health visitors, school nurses nursery nurses etc) are directly employed by the Council.

b. whether a service is planned for the next financial year (2020/21)?

No, we have no plans to commission a service

c. whether an existing service in your area has been recently decommissioned?

An existing service has not been decommissioned, vision screening has always been provided by this service.

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