

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Who is primarily responsible for all Special Educational Needs within the local authority?

ANSWER:

SEN is a collective responsibility within the local authority. Ultimate responsibility lies with the Director of Children's Services - Rachel Dickinson however Janis Warren - Head of Service Removing Barriers manages the services responsible for the identification, assessment and provision for pupils with statements of special educational needs. This service also oversees the strategic direction of provision for SEN in Leicester City.

Do you have an SEN or SENCO/Inclusion Manager, if so what is their name and contact details?

We have a service manager responsible for peripatetic services, data and links with Sencos in schools. However we do not give out details of any one within Leicester City Council below the level of Head of Service. We are withholding that information since we consider that to be an absolute exemption under section 40(2) (personal data), and this therefore constitutes a refusal under section 17 of the Freedom of information Act 2000.

Does the authority currently manage SEN and have a system for managing SEN assessments and statements?

Yes

If so which system do you use?

We use the Leicester city's Meeting Individual Needs. This is the local interpretation of the SEN Code of Practice.

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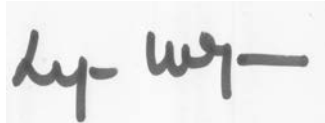
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Lynn Wyeth
Information Governance Manager