

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:

- 1. Does your Joint Strategic Needs Assessment explicitly take into account the prevalence and needs of multi sensory impaired children and young people? If so, who have you consulted on their needs?**

The children's JSNA did not specifically take into account the prevalence and needs of multi-sensory impaired children and young people. The most reliable source of information would come from individual records, which would not be referenced in a strategic level document.

- 2. What involvement have the Children's Trust arrangements had in drawing up your JSNA?**

The children's JSNA was commissioned by Leicester Children's Trust. Members of the Trust Board identified individuals to lead in contributing to the JSNA. Trust partners included most relevant agencies working with children, young people and families in the city. Voluntary Action Leicester, the local voluntary sector umbrella organisation, co-ordinated communication with voluntary sector organisations in the city.

- 3. What involvement have Local Schools and Local Education Authorities had in drawing up your JSNA?**

Leicester City Council, the local education and children's services authority, and NHS Leicester, were the lead partners in the JSNA. The strategic director for children's services (including education authority functions) was on the Children's Trust Board. Local schools were represented on the Board and in the JSNA steering group by the representatives of both the primary and secondary Heads partnerships for the city. These are the people employed by partnerships of primary and secondary schools specifically to ensure co-ordination and coherence in strategic level matters.

- 4. To what extent have issues surrounding the provision of Special Educational Needs been considered in drawing up your JSNA? Have you looked specifically at the needs of children and young people with multi sensory impairments in your area?**

The provision of Special Educational Needs is well referenced in the children's JSNA. SEN as a broad issue (but not different types of SEN) can be referenced at ward level. Information was also obtained via Connexions and the LSC. Data about children and young people with multi-sensory impairment was not specifically referenced.

5. What input have you had from groups or organisations representing children and young people with single or multi sensory impairments?

The opportunity for groups or organisations to provide input into the JSNA was offered through Voluntary Action Leicester which communicated with voluntary sector organisations via its extensive networks. Consultation took place online and events took place at around 12 locations across the city. Group consultation events were facilitated through community use venues such as Surestart centres.

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