

To: FOI officers

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Budget for 2011/12 and 2012/13: Deaf / hearing impaired children

The below is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would be grateful if you could confirm by email that you have received this request.

This is part of a nationwide request for information, using a standardised format to ensure consistency. We have previously given notice of this request to Director's and Lead Members for Children Services, democratic services and some professionals working with deaf children.

We would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

Education

1. Please complete the table below in full giving details of the budgeted spend for specialist **education** services for deaf children/children with a hearing impairment in 2011/12 and 2012/13.

Please use figures for budgeted spend for both years (NOT actual spend)

	2011/12	2012/13
Net budget (£)	675,200	675,200
Gross budget (£)	719,700	719,700

2. Please give details of budgeted staffing levels of the specialist education service for deaf / hearing impaired children in 2011/12 and 2012/13. If any of the posts include a combination of management and service delivery roles, please ensure the approximate time spent on each is accurately divided between rows a) and b) and expressed as a full time equivalent figure (fte)

	2011/12 number of fte posts	How many, if any, of these posts were frozen in 2011/12?	2012/13 number of fte posts	How many, if any, of these posts will be frozen in 2012/13?
a) Team management (e.g. team leader, Head of Service etc)	1.0	None	1.0	None
b) Specialist Teachers of the Deaf involved in direct peripatetic service delivery	9.2		9.2	
c) Communication support workers, specialist teaching assistants etc	2.8		2.8	
d) Other (please give details) Audiologist	1.0		1.0	

3. Please complete the table below in full. In 2011/12, did any of the following take place or are there any proposals for them to take place in 2012/13:

	2011/12			2012/13		
	Yes	No		Yes	No plans	Not known
We undertook / plan to undertake an SEN review and/or reorganisation of the specialist education service for deaf/hearing impaired children		✓			✓	
We introduced / plan to introduce new charging systems for schools to access parts of the specialist education service for deaf/hearing impaired children (e.g. 'traded services')	✓ Training			✓ Training		
We reduced / plan to reduce the number of visits some deaf/hearing impaired children will receive		✓			✓	
We restricted / plan to restrict the eligibility criteria for accessing the specialist education service for deaf/hearing impaired children		✓			✓	
We reduced / plan to reduce the budget available for equipment or adaptations for deaf children (e.g. radio aids, acoustic treatment etc)		✓			✓	
We reduced / plan to reduce the budget available for training staff who work with deaf children		✓			✓	
We delegated / plan to delegate funding for the specialist education service for deaf children to a specialist unit or special school for pupils with a hearing impairment		✓			✓	

4. If you have answered yes to any of the above, please give full details below including how the change(s) has affected the overall budget, the assessed impact of the change(s) on deaf/hearing impaired children and please provide any associated papers.

5. Is the specialist **education** service for deaf/hearing impaired children funded entirely from the Dedicated Schools Grant?

Yes

a. If no, please list the other budgets from which the service is funded and the amount or proportion funded

6. Do you identify within your budget a specific amount for education services for deaf young people post 16?

No

a. If yes, please give the amount for 2011/12 and 2012/13

Speech and Language Therapy

7. What funding was allocated to **speech and language therapy** services for deaf/hearing impaired children in 2011/12 and what funding has been allocated for 2012/13?

	2011/12	2012/13
Net budget (£)	£0 budget held by Health. Deaf children are referred according to need followed by joint working	£0 budget held by Health. Deaf children are referred according to need followed by joint working
Gross budget (£)		

Social Care

8. What funding was allocated to **social care** services for deaf / hearing impaired children in 2011/12 and what funding has been allocated for 2012/13? Examples include (but are not limited to) funding for assessments and equipment.

	2011/12	2012/13
Net budget (£)	£0 Leicester City Council withdrew from the contract with Adult Services that provided fire alarms, alarm clocks etc for children. As yet this budget has not been re-established	£0 There are procedures at level 1 and 2 for deaf children & families to receive support in locality / community located Centres. They will escalate @ tier 3 and 4 as needed
Gross budget (£)		

9. Please give details of budgeted staffing levels of social care services for deaf / hearing impaired children in the table below. Figures should be expressed as a full time equivalent figure (fte).

	2011/12 number of fte posts	2012/13 number of fte posts
Specialist qualified social workers for the deaf	0	0
Specialist family support workers for the deaf	0	0

If this information cannot be provided in whole or in part, I would like to request that you justify all omission by reference to the specific exemptions of the act. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to charge fees.