

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information Request.

If you could provide me with the number of diagnoses of dyslexia in children made annually, for the past 10 years if possible (if not, the nearest amount) in which have happened in schools in your borough- alongside the amount of screenings/testings for learning difficulties. We do not hold information on diagnoses or screening/testings. These are held at a school level so can only be provided by schools.

I also want to receive information on what funding is being given to schools for learning difficulties, stating how much and where it is going. Unfortunately, we do not have a breakdown of spend by need specifically. Most funding for special educational needs is funded out of the schools main budget and how it is spent can only be provided by the schools.

We do provide targeted funding but we do not have a breakdown of client need as such. AFN and FNF budgets are given to family of schools who allocate the funds to schools within their family group so they may know how the funds are targeted.

For the HLN element, this funding only covers approx. 500 pupils with the highest needs and although they do have some categorisation of pupil need we would need a bit more detail about what is required to be able to respond appropriately.

Budget allocations for 2017-18 for Notts CC schools (including academies) were:

- High Level Needs (HLN) £4.557 million
- Additional Family Needs (AFN) and Family Network Funding (FNF) combined was £8.431 million

If also your councils have specific information on section 22 of the Children and Families Act (2014) which explains how they are acting upon it including current produces in place, that would be great.

Since 2010, Nottinghamshire County Council has supported the identification of children and young people's needs through the Pathway to Provision. Page 18 of the Pathway describes specifically how this applies to children and young people with disabilities. The Pathway can be accessed via the address below.

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