

To: FOI officers via email

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Budget for 2021/22: Education services for deaf/hearing impaired children and young people

NAME OF LOCAL AUTHORITY: Nottinghamshire

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Please confirm that you have received this request.

The National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) works with central and local government to ensure deaf children get the help they need to learn.

We are interested in decisions relating to spending on deaf children and young people's education. This is part of a nationwide request, using a standardised format to ensure consistency. We are also requesting this information from Scotland, Wales, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

The information requested relates to services which you centrally provide and manage but not services which are delegated to private companies or have delegated funding to schools to provide.

Please answer ALL the questions. If the information cannot be provided in whole or in part, please justify all omissions by reference to the specific exemptions of the Act.

I look forward to your response promptly but no later than 20 working days. Please email to localengagement@ndcs.org.uk.

Kind regards,

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1. Please state the name, job title and contact details of the person completing this form and/or the same details for the person ultimately responsible

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2. Please complete the table below giving details of the budgeted and actual spend for specialist education services for deaf/hearing impaired children in 2020/21 and budgeted spend for 2021/22.

	2020/21 budgeted spend	What is your actual spend for 2020/21? If this is different to your budgeted spend, please explain.	2021/22 budgeted spend	If there is a budget reduction for 2021/22, please explain
Net budget (£) (i.e. budget allocation including DSG)	£653,830		£701,536	
Gross budget (£) (i.e. budget allocation plus any additional income generated or expected to be generated)	£653,830	Final end of financial year figures have yet to be confirmed but the forecast is for the budget to have been spent.	£701,536	

- 2a. Please provide details of all budgetary changes reported above and indicate how this change will improve quality of provision for deaf children.
(Please provide all associated documentation/correspondence about the corresponding changes).

3. What services does the budgeted spend include for 2021/22?

Budgeted spend covers salaries for Sensory Lead, Teachers of the Deaf and Specialist Teaching Assistants/Sensory Technicians. It has also been used to fund the university fees for a member of staff to begin the mandatory TOD course to become dual qualified also, a newly appointed member of the team who will start in September 2021 and begin the university course to obtain the Mandatory TOD qualification. The budget additionally provides for high cost equipment and supplies, as well as training for staff.

4. Please complete the table below giving details of **budgeted staffing levels in the centrally funded** specialist education service for deaf/hearing impaired children in 2021/22.

If any of the posts include a combination of management and service delivery roles or if staff work flexibly across roles, please ensure the approximate time spent on each is accurately divided between rows a), b) and/or c) and expressed as a full time equivalent (fte)

	Total number of fte posts in Sept 2020/21	Of the total number of fte posts, how many were vacant in Sept 2020/21?	Of the total number of fte posts, how many were frozen in Sept 2020/21?		Total number of fte posts in 2021/22	Of the total number of fte posts, how many will be vacant in 2021/22?	Of the total number of fte posts, how many will be frozen in 2021/22?
a) Team management (e.g. team leader, Head of Service etc.) – not including hours spent on direct peripatetic service delivery	1	0	0		1	0	0
b) Specialist Teachers of the Deaf involved in direct peripatetic service delivery – not including time spent on team management	6.7	1.0	0		7.7	0	0
c) Specialist Teachers of the Deaf involved in any specialist or resource provision in mainstream schools centrally managed and delivered by the local authority	0	0	0		0	0	0
d) Communication support workers, specialist teaching assistant, any other specialist staff centrally	3.4	0	0		3.4	0	0

managed and delivered by the local authority							
e) Other (please give details) centrally managed and delivered by the local authority	0	0	0		0	0	00

4f. Please provide details of all staffing changes reported in 4a-e and indicate how this change will improve quality of provision for deaf children.
(Please provide all associated documentation/correspondence about the corresponding changes).

4g. If you have indicated vacancies or frozen posts in 4a-e, please outline:

- recruitment plans and timescales
- succession planning for any staff leaving
- temporary backfill arrangements and when these will end
- the reason for any deletion of posts

5. How many resource provisions for deaf/hearing impaired children will there be in your local authority in April 2021?

Delivered and managed by the central service within the Local Authority		Delivered and managed by an LA school/Academy		Delivered and managed by another provider (please state who)	
Primary	0	Primary	0	Primary	0
Secondary	0	Secondary	0	Secondary	0
Other	0	Other	0	Other	0

5a. Are any changes planned to resource provisions for deaf/hearing impaired children in your local authority **that weren't reported in September 2020 FOI**? Please provide details and indicate how this change will improve quality of provision for deaf children.
(Please provide all associated documentation/correspondence about the corresponding changes).

6. SEND Reviews:

Review of SEND services reported in September 2020 FOI	When will this review take place?	Is the local authority planning a review of SEND services that wasn't reported in September 2020 FOI?	When will this review take place?
None Reported		No	

6a. Please provide details, brief outline of potential changes and how any proposals will improve the provision for deaf children. Please include review timelines and any consultation plans.

7. Please use the box below to provide any further information about education services for deaf children in your area (including any changes to commissioning services).

Thank you for completing this information request. If you have any questions, please email localengagement@ndcs.org.uk.