

Freedom of information request NCC-051453-21

Thank you for your recent Freedom of information request for ease we have provided a response alongside each point as follows:

1. What support is available for children with multi-sensory impairment in the area the Local Authority covers?
 - a) The Local Authority's Sensory Services team

As part of Schools and Families Specialist Service Sensory Team we have a team of qualified Teachers of the Deaf and Teachers of the Visually Impaired. Included within that team we have 2 teachers who have a dual qualification, one of whom will complete the teacher of the Deaf element by July 2022.

We support pupils who have a dual diagnosis (a VI need and a HI need) from 0-19 in homes, settings or schools working with parents/carers and school staff. Some of our more complex pupils with a dual diagnosis attend County Special schools and we work with special school staff to support those pupils.

For some of our more complex younger pupils we also work closely with Schools and Families Specialist Services (SFSS) Early Years team and the SFSS Cognition and Learning Team.

There are no teachers with a multi-sensory qualification

The Early Years Team works with children who have special educational needs and disabilities, from birth to the end of Key Stage 1. This includes support for pre - school children and can involve working alongside parents /carers in the home to help ensure that their child reaches their potential and help them transition into a setting. Once a child transfers to a setting or school the team provide support to staff around the child's curriculum, helping with inclusion and ideas for development.

The Cognition and Learning Team supports children and young people with severe and complex learning difficulties from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 5. Within the team is a Teaching Assistant who is a specialist in HI, who works across both the Cognition and Learning and Sensory Teams. The Cognition and Learning Team includes a member of staff with extensive experience of supporting children and young people with VI, having previously worked on the Sensory Team.

- b) From other teams within the Local Authority ? Further information on the support available may be accessed via this link:

[Services which support children and young people with additional needs | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

2. Does the Local Authority currently employ any multi-sensory impairment teachers or practitioners? No
3. If yes to Question 2:

- a) Please indicate how many employees have these roles.
 - b) Please indicate the average weekly working hours of these employees (e.g. 20 hours, 35 hours a week).
 - c) Please indicate the salary band this role falls into.

We trust this information will be of assistance to you.

If you wish to raise any concerns about the way your request was dealt with, then please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail foi@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference number above

With kind regards

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