

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 11153
Date 29 October 2015

Vision Screening of 4 to 5 Year Olds at School Entry

Request:

Do you currently commission orthoptic-led vision screening in school of children aged 4-5 years old?

If yes, would you please:

1. List the key features of your commissioned programme:
 - Settings (e.g. school).
 - Screening personnel (e.g. orthoptist, other health professional).
 - The onward care pathway for children who fail the vision screening.
 - The quality assurance processes (audit) and clinical governance lead.
2. Tell us how you monitor if every child in your Local Authority has been tested (including those in specialist schools or private schools).
3. Tell us whether the programme will be commissioned again in the next financial year.

If no, would you please:

1. Summarise why you do not commission vision screening.
2. Tell us whether you are planning a new programme in the next financial year.
3. Tell us whether an existing programme in your area has recently been decommissioned.

Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above information as this is not commissioned by the Local Authority Public Health. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, as per Section 1(1)(a) of the Act:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".