



My Ref: FOI 6359
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

I am writing on behalf of Action for Stammering Children, the UK charity for children who stammer and their families, as part of a research project exploring how state funded, mainstream primary schools in England are meeting the needs of children who stammer. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would be grateful if you could provide responses to the attached questions regarding your local authority's role in commissioning and supporting primary-aged children who stammer attending state-funded, mainstream schools in your local authority. For ease of completion, you are welcome to provide your responses directly within the attached document by editing it. We'd like to better understand the support available to pupils who stammer in schools in England. I would be grateful if you would provide as much detail as possible to help us better support children who stammer. Should any of our questions be better directed elsewhere, I would be grateful if you could forward it to the relevant person. We would appreciate a response within the statutory 20 working day timeframe.

1. Do you currently collect any data on the number of primary aged children who stammer within mainstream state funded primary schools in the authority area? –

No

2. If yes, please provide the most recent number of mainstream state funded primary aged pupils identified as stammering or receiving support for stammering.

N/A

3. A. How is speech and language therapy delivered in the local authority-maintained primary schools in your area? Please provide information about the speech and language therapy provision available in each local authority-maintained primary school. We specifically would like to understand whether the speech and language therapy service is delivered by the NHS, independent or other providers.

This service is provided by SWYT – they can be contacted here: [Freedom of information | South West Yorkshire Partnership Teaching NHS Foundation Trust](#)

3b. What is the amount of speech and language therapy input each state funded primary school receives in hours per week?

The Council does not hold this information.

4. Does the council currently fund any speech and language therapy services in maintained primary schools? If yes, please describe the commissioning arrangements

No

5. Do the state funded primary schools in your authority area have access to specialist support services outside the authority area for more complex cases of stammering?

The council does not hold this information.

6. Does the council issue any guidance regarding classroom adjustments or inclusive practice for pupils who stammer in state funded primary schools? If yes, please specify the guidance details (this may include encouraging classroom participation, assessment arrangements etc).

No

7. What assessment has the council made of any barriers to providing support for children who stammer within local authority maintained primary schools in your area?

Information not held.

8. Have state funded primary schools raised any concerns or requested additional support relating to children who stammer within the last three academic years? If yes, please provide a summary of the concerns raised.

Information not held

9. Are there any planned developments, priorities or service improvements relating to support for children who stammer within state funded primary schools in your area?

Information not held.

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Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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