

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 003248
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Disabled Children and Car Seats

Request:

1. There is a legal requirement for all children to use car seats until the age of 12 years old or 135cm tall (whichever comes first).
 - a. With the exclusion of provision made to school transport, does the local authority provide specialist car seats to children with disabilities?
[The Local Authority does not routinely provide car seats however considers any requests and provides in line with assessed need.](#)
 - b. Again, excluding provision made to school transport, in the financial year 2017/18 how many specialist car seats were provided by the local authority to children with disabilities?
[The Local Authority have purchased one car seat during 2017/18 specifically for a disabled child.](#)
2. The Children Act 1989 requires local authorities to keep a register of disabled children in their area.
 - a. Does the local authority have an active register? [Yes](#)
 - b. How many disabled children are on that register?
Ages 0-17 = [1099 on register](#)
Ages 0-25 = [1731 on register](#)
 - c. What other sources does the local authority use to count and plan budgets for disabled children? "data sources used to extract relevant information from, for example information from social care, health and education, health care plans, school census information, disability register etc."
[The Local Authority uses other sources e.g. requests for Short Breaks, referrals from Universal Services, requests for ECH plan assessments, meetings with Adult Services & CCG to plan for potential escalated need in future years to count and plan budgets.](#)