

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 003438
Date 8 April 2019

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

Request:

1. How many LEA schools provide pre-school education?
67
2. How many children are registered to attend pre-school at LEA schools?
3,325
3. How many LEA schools provide reception school education?
76
4. How many children are registered to attend reception at LEA schools?
3,479
5. Do any of your information sources relating to Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) contain information specifically about dyslexia?
In response to question 5, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at:
 - Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.
 - The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

In respect of question 6, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not analyse our information in the format requested.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"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".

6. Do any of your information sources relating to SEND contain information specifically about Auditory Processing Disorder (APD)?
Please see our response provided to question 5.
7. How many children in your area are registered for SEND support?
With reference to question 7, your request for information has now been considered and the City of Wolverhampton Council is not obliged to supply the information you requested for the reasons set out below.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires City of Wolverhampton Council, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states the fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies:

In relation to your particular request, the following exemption applies:

Section 21 – Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means

We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following link:
[https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-special-educational-needs-sen#statements-of-special-educational-needs-\(sen\)-and-education,-health-and-care-\(ehc\)-plans](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-special-educational-needs-sen#statements-of-special-educational-needs-(sen)-and-education,-health-and-care-(ehc)-plans)

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

8. Do you hold information on the number of children with dyslexia registered for SEND support?
Please see our response to question 7 regarding pupils with a Specific Learning Difficulty.

With regard to children with dyslexia please see our response to question 5.

If yes, how many are registered currently?

9. Do you hold information on the number of children with Auditory Processing Disorder (APD) registered for SEND support?
[Please see our response to question 5.](#)

If yes, how many are registered currently?

The British Association of Teachers for the Deaf (BATOD) recommendation for the acoustics of classrooms is an Unoccupied Noise Level of 35dB(A).

10. Does the LEA audit compliance with this recommendation?
[Never](#)

BATOD also provide information about APD [MESHguides.org](https://www.meshguides.org), a resource provided by the Education Futures Collaboration Charity. There is also a MESHguide about dyslexia.

11. Is your SEND service aware of the MESHguides resource for teachers?
[Yes](#)