

CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
COUNCIL

## Response to Request for Information

Reference      FOI 002126  
Date            28 March 2018

### *Special Educational Needs*

#### **Request:**

If you could provide me with the number of diagnoses of dyslexia in children made annually, for the past 10 years if possible (if not, the nearest amount) in which have happened in schools in your borough- alongside the amount of screenings/testings for learning difficulties.

In respect of your above question relating to dyslexia, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as schools can purchase their SEN support from any professional service provider. Also with reference to the amount of screenings/testings for learning difficulties, schools can and do commission independent professionals.

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".

I also want to receive information on what funding is being given to schools for learning difficulties, stating how much and where it is going.

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If also your councils have specific information on section 22 of the Children and Families Act (2014) which explains how they are acting upon it including current produces in place.

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:

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[https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/wolverhampton/asch/files/sen\\_support\\_and\\_education\\_health\\_and\\_care\\_plans\\_final\\_version\\_003.pdf](https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/wolverhampton/asch/files/sen_support_and_education_health_and_care_plans_final_version_003.pdf)

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>