

**From:** Freedom of Information Requests  
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**To:**  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 1 July 2024 for information about Early Years sign language. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

1. Is sign language offered as part of the Early Years local offer provided by the council to deaf children and their families?

Response: No

2. Are all families informed about the sign language aspect of Early Years support for deaf children?

Response: No

3. What criteria does the council use to determine which families of deaf children are exposed to sign language as part of the Early Years local offer?

Response: This would be determined by the initial referral from screening. The HI team would use this diagnostic assessment. Portage Teams also support targeted children and families.

4. How is sign language delivered to families of Early Years deaf children?

Response: Information on the local offer, through a variety of platforms. Fortnightly group PHIG Pre-School Hearing impairment group (PHIG). Through Portage Teams.

5. What is the duration of the sign language support offered?

Response: 0-25, This is child specific and dependant on the needs of the child.

6. Who delivers the sign language input to families of Early Years deaf children?

Response: Webinars are available on the local offer, Portage Home Visiting Team.

7. Where are families of Early Years deaf children signposted to access more information about sign language?

Response: Doncaster community centre, local offer, Local authority hearing impairment team.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

The City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49 to respond to this request for information.

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