

Freedom of Information Request – Social Care for profoundly Deaf children

An outline of the social services provision for deaf children and their families is included in the section 'Services for Deaf people' on the Derby City Council web site at:

<http://www.derby.gov.uk/HealthSocialCare/Disabilities/SensoryTeam/Services+For+Deaf+People.htm>

and in:

<http://www.derby.gov.uk/dccwebdev/education/childrensdirectory/childrensdirectory.aspx?MainCat=Children%20and%20Young%20People%20with%20Special%20Needs&SubCat=Hearing%20Impairment>

The provision is provided in partnership with teachers, youth workers, health professionals and the voluntary organisations of the Derby Deaf Children's Society and the Royal School for the Deaf Derby.

The provision includes:

- a multi-agency centre – The Early Years Centre for deaf children and their families – supporting families from diagnosis until school entry. family communication programmes in the home at three levels.
- activities for families with deaf children aged 5 to 12 years old to provide fun and communication learning for the whole family.
- weekly Youth Club for 11 – 19 year olds
- club activities for 13 to 19 years olds to develop independence in the community
- funding and support for the running of a one week summer play scheme for deaf children and their siblings
- funding and support for the running of a one week residential summer holiday for deaf children

The Unit for Deaf People are currently planning service provision for a total of 259 deaf children and young people aged 0 to 17 years; 111 of these live in the southern half of Derbyshire and 148 live in the City of Derby.

The exact number of children receiving a service at a specific time fluctuates according to need and time of year.