

Strategy and Challenge

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Your ref:

Date: 20 June 2019

Dear Olivier Deneve

I am pleased to provide a response to your request for information, received on 14 June 2019:

1. Do you currently commission vision screening in school of children aged 4-5 years old? Y / N

Yes

If YES, would you please:

2. List the key features of your commissioned screening service:

a. Settings (e.g. school).

Only school settings.

b. Screening personnel (e.g. orthoptist, school nurse or other health professional).

Health and Well-being assistants who are members of the School Nursing team. They receive vision screening training from the hospital orthoptists who also do quality checks in the school setting at least once during each academic year.

c. The onward care pathway for children who fail the vision screening.

Where the referral goes to depends on the type of fail that is highlighted during the initial screening. A child who shows significant loss or loss in both eye, would be referred to the specialist hospital services. The remaining children are referred to PEG (Primary Eyecare Gloucestershire) and are seen in the community setting by the community optician.

d. The quality assurance (QA) processes (audit) and identified clinical lead for the vision screening service

There are no internal provider audit processes in place for the initial screening service. The hospital services led by the Acting Professional Lead for

Orthoptics undertake an annual audit, reviewing the number of fails, the referral pathway and the outcome of referrals (requiring treatment or not).

Identified clinical lead for the vision screening service is the lead for School Nursing within the commissioned provider (Gloucestershire Care Services).

3. Tell us how you monitor if every child in your Local Authority has been tested (including those in private schools or those who are home-schooled).

Those in private schools, special schools and home schooled are not currently screened. To ensure we capture all the children in the school settings where screening is delivered, the cohort screened are checked against a county Council list of registered reception aged pupils.

4. Tell us whether the programme will be commissioned again in the next financial year

Yes

5. If NO- you do not currently commission a vision screening service in your area, would you please tell us :

a. why you do not commission vision screening?

b. whether a service is planned for the next financial year (2020/21)?

c. whether an existing service in your area has been recently decommissioned?.

N/A

Please find this information below:

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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Amelia Banner
Information Requests Officer