

**FOI Request - Radio Aids Provision - 101002367707**

This request asks about the provision of radio aids by the local authority for families to use within the home. It is split into 4 parts

Part 1: Radio aids in the early years (0 to 4)

Part 2: Radio aids for school-aged children

Part 3: Radio aids for deaf young people post-16

Part 4: Radio aids for all deaf children – general questions

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<b>Local authority (or authorities if replying on behalf of more than one)</b>	<i>Moray Council</i>

*Part 1: Radio aids in the early years*

1. Does your service provide parents of deaf children **aged 0 to 4** with radio aids/assistive listening devices for use **within the home**? Please tick yes if it is your service's policy to allow this (even if no radio aids/assistive listening devices are currently being provided at this time) (please select one answer)

Yes

No – please go to question 5

2. Approximately how many deaf children **aged 0 to 4** in your area have been provided by your service with a radio aid/assistive listening device to use within the home in the last year?

3. Please specify below the make/manufacturer of the radio aids/assistive listening devices that your service normally provides to parents of deaf children **aged 0 to 4** to use within the home.

4. Are there any particular barriers or challenges that are preventing you from making radio aids/assistive listening devices available or more widely available to parents of deaf children **aged 0 to 4** to use within the home?

*Part 2: Radio aids for school-aged children*

5. Does your service provide radio aids/assistive listening devices for use by deaf children of school-age **within the home**? Please tick yes if it is your service's policy to allow this (even if no radio aids/assistive listening devices are currently being provided at this time) (please select one answer)

- Yes  
 No

6. Are there any particular barriers or challenges that are preventing you from making radio aids/assistive listening devices available or more widely available to parents of deaf children of school-age to use within the home?

That parents are not able to provide insurance for their use in the home because insurance companies will not pay out on items that do not belong to the parent. This is advice we have received from several sources and have no reason to question it.

*Part 3: Radio aids for deaf young people post-16*

7. In what circumstances would your service provide radio aids for deaf young people to use once they had left school? (please tick all that apply)

- Radio aids are not provided to any deaf young people who have left school  
 For use in further education  
 For use in higher education  
 For use in apprenticeships, internships or training  
 For use in paid employment  
 For general use in the home  
 Other – please specify

*Part 4: Radio aids for all children – general questions*

8. Does your service have a policy which includes the provision of radio aids to deaf children/assistive listening devices for use within the home? (please select one answer)

- Yes  
 No

9. If yes, please attach a copy of your policy to your response to this FOI **or** provide a link to where we can find this policy on your website (please select one answer)

- Not applicable – we don't have a policy  
 I have attached a copy of our policy to our response  
 I have provided a link to our response in the box below

10. Are any of the below factors taken into account in decisions on whether radio aids/assistive listening devices can be provided to individual families to use?

If your service does not provide radio aids at all to any child or young person to use within the home, please skip this question and go straight to question 12.

Factor	Is this a factor?	If you have said yes or sometimes, please outline how and the circumstances in which this factor would be taken into account
Parents <b>required</b> to take out insurance as a condition before radio aids/assistive listening devices can be provided to use within the home	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/a – radio aids can't be taken home	It is our understanding that insurance companies will not pay out on a claim because the parents do not own the radio aid and therefore are not able to add this item to their insurance policy.
Child must be of a certain age	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Child must have a certain level of hearing loss	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Child must have a statutory plan: (e.g. an Education, Health and Care plan (England), a statement of SEN (Wales/Northern Ireland) or a coordinated support plan (Scotland))	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Parents must leave a deposit or make a contribution to the cost	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/a – radio aids aren't provided to parents to use in the home	
Education setting must leave a deposit or make a contribution to the cost	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

11. Are there any other eligibility criteria, factors or conditions relating to the provision of radio aids/assistive listening devices to use within the home? If so, please outline how and the circumstances in which this would be taken into account.

No – we do not provide radio aids for use within the home.

12. In your area, are radio aids/assistive listening devices jointly commissioned between health and education? (please select one answer)

- Yes - always
- Yes - in most cases (more than half the time)
- Sometimes but mostly not (less than half the time)
- No

13. Please use this space if you have any comments or if there is anything else you want to tell us about your responses in this section.

This is the end of this request. Please return your response, along with a copy of your policy (where applicable – see question 9), by email