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Request:

I would be grateful if you could answer the following questions in relation to Auditory Processing Disorder/APD.

- 1. Do you have a policy supporting APD? If so, could you please refer us to it on your website, or send us a copy.
- 2. Do you have a Sensory Support team, Hearing Impaired/HI team or Teacher of the Deaf, or equivalent?
- 3. If so, do they follow NatSIP guidelines regarding the support of APD within the school setting?
- 4. When recommendations are made by a professional for a learner with APD, do you provide and support any recommended equipment, e.g., FM systems?
- 5. Would the LA expect the educational setting to provide and support FM systems? If so, how?
- 6. Would you like to consider adding APD Support UK to your local offer?

Response

- 1. We currently do not have a policy regarding APD as this is an area we are not qualified to diagnose
- 2. We have a Sensory Support Service with Qualified teachers of the deaf
- 3. Yes they will follow NATSIp guidelines around APD
- 4. We do not provide support for those with an APD diagnosis, other than advice to the school or setting
- 5. The LA would expect school / setting to provide a radio aid system under the 'reasonable adjustments' outlined in the SEND Code of practice (2015)
- 6. We would be happy to add APD support to our local offer and our service website

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