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Request:

We would be grateful if you could answer the following questions (for the financial year 2019/2020) to determine the arrangements made by your local authority to commission vision screening for your eligible resident population and its quality assurance.

Questions

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

If YES, would you please:

No, we do not commission vision screening in school of children aged 4-5 years old.

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

- a. Settings (e.g. school).
- b. Screening personnel (e.g. orthoptist, school nurse or other health professional).
- c. The onward care pathway for children who fail the vision screening.
- d. The quality assurance (QA) processes (audit) and identified clinical lead for the vision screening service

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).

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

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?

We do not commission a service because North Tyneside Council provides vision screening for 4-5 year olds through the 0-19 Children's Public Health Nursing Service and the staff within that service (health visitors, school nurses nursery nurses etc) are directly employed by the Council.

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

No, we have no plans to commission a service

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

An existing service has not been decommissioned, vision screening has always been provided by this service.