

Working out the number of children with speech, language and communication needs in your area

Step 1

1. Go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-authority-interactive-tool-lait>
2. Click on 'Local Authority Interactive Tool' (LAIT)
3. If asked for a password select Read Only
4. In the 'Security warning' click on 'Options' and select 'Enable this content'
5. Go to the 'LA Context' tab. Use the drop down arrow at the top to select your area
6. In the top table you will see the total number of pupils across the age ranges

OR

7. go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/schools-pupils-and-their-characteristics-january-2017>
8. Download the table 'Local Authority and Regional Tables' go to Table 7D and use the total in column U for all children.*

Step 2

9. To calculate the number of children with long term SLCN work out 10% of this figure.**
10. To calculate the number of children with developmental language disorder (DLD) work out 7.6% of this figure.

Step 3

11. For reported figures go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/special-educational-needs-in-england-january-2017>.
12. Download 'Local Authority Tables'.
13. Go to Table 16 for number of children with SEND reported by Primary Need.

**As these figures only include children in school or LA maintained nurseries they will be an underestimate of the number of children.*

***If this is an area of deprivation up to 50% of children could have delayed language*

Worked Example

Number of pupils in Sheffield (according to the LAIT): 82748

Number of pupils with SLCN: 8275

Number of these children with developmental language disorder (DLD): 6289

Number reported as having SLCN as Primary need: 2833

Therefore, the number who are 'missed' is at least: $6289 - 2833 = 3456$