

# Resource provisions in England: survey of local authorities (2024)

## Introduction

In spring 2024, the National Deaf Children's Society issued a survey<sup>1</sup> to local authorities about provision for deaf children. This note sets out the results from questions in this survey about resource provisions for deaf children. It is intended to complement data already collected by the Consortium for Research into Deaf Education (CRIDE)<sup>2</sup> in their annual surveys.

## Summary of key findings:

- At the time of the FOI there were 217 resource provisions (RPs) in England across both primary and secondary schools.
- There is variation in the number of local authorities across England. For example, 65% of local authorities in England have no resource provisions whilst, at the other end of the scale, 84% of local authorities in the South East have at least one.
- Across England, most resource provisions (65%) are delegated, meaning that responsibility for managing them has been delegated to the host school.
- 25% of resource provisions are not led by a Qualified Teacher of the Deaf (QToD). Proportionally, delegated resource provisions are less likely to be led by a QToD.
- 13% of resource provisions do not have a QToD in place at all. Delegated resource provisions are more likely to not have a QToD in place.
- Across England, RPs have a total of 2,602 available places with 2,068 of these places occupied. According to CRIDE, there are 33,574 primary or secondary aged deaf children in England. Taken together, these figures suggest that 6% of deaf children are educated in a resource provision.
- On average, across England, there are more than 11 deaf children being supported by each QToD in resource provisions. 41% of resource provisions exceed the recommended ratio of 6 deaf children to each QToD.
- There is notable variation in the structure and staffing of these RPs by region, for example:
  - In Yorkshire & the Humber most (91%) are centrally managed while in the South West most (93%) are delegated
  - In the North West nearly all RPs (95%) are led by a QToD while in the South East only 63% are.
  - In London the average number of children per ToD is 14.2 while in Yorkshire & Humber it is 7.9

**Note:** In all tables and charts below all percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

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<sup>1</sup> The survey was issued under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

<sup>2</sup> [www.ndcs.org.uk/CRIDE](http://www.ndcs.org.uk/CRIDE)

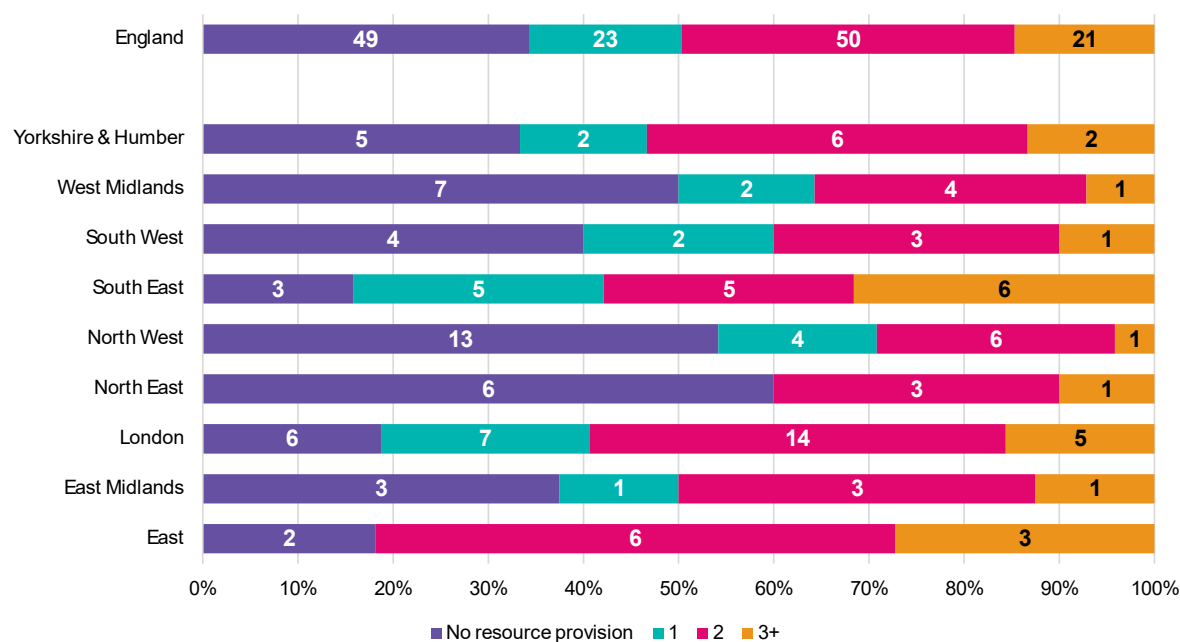
**Table 1: Number of resource provisions by region**

Region	Number of resource provisions	% of resource provisions in England
East England	28	13%
East Midlands	11	5%
London	50	23%
North East	9	4%
North West	20	9%
South East	46	21%
South West	15	7%
West Midlands	16	7%
Yorkshire & Humber	22	10%
<b>England</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 2: Number of resource provisions by local authority in each region**  
(% represents % of local authorities in region)

Region	Number of local authorities with...									
	No resource provisions		1 resource provision		2 resource provisions		3 or more resource provisions		Total with a resource provision	
East England	2	18%	0	0%	6	55%	3	27%	9	82%
East Midlands	3	38%	1	13%	3	38%	1	13%	5	63%
London	6	19%	7	22%	14	44%	5	16%	26	81%
North East	6	60%	0	0%	3	30%	1	10%	4	40%
North West	13	54%	4	17%	6	25%	1	4%	11	46%
South East	3	16%	5	26%	5	26%	6	32%	16	84%
South West	4	40%	2	20%	3	30%	1	10%	6	60%
West Midlands	7	50%	2	14%	4	29%	1	7%	7	50%
Yorkshire & Humber	5	33%	2	13%	6	40%	2	13%	10	67%
<b>England</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>66%</b>

**% of Local Authorities by Region with No, 1, 2 or 3+ RPs**  
(labels on chart indicate actual number)



**Table 3: Type of resource provisions by region**  
(% represents % of resource provisions in region)

Region	Number of resource provisions				
	Central		Delegated		Total
East England	10	36%	18	64%	28
East Midlands	1	9%	10	91%	11
London	10	20%	40	80%	50
North East	6	67%	3	33%	9
North West	10	50%	10	50%	20
South East	8	17%	38	83%	46
South West	1	7%	14	93%	15
West Midlands	9	56%	7	44%	16
Yorkshire & Humber	20	91%	2	9%	22
<b>England</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>217</b>

**Table 4: Resource provisions with Service Level Agreements (SLA)**  
(% represents % of total number of resource provisions as per table above)

Region	Number of resource provisions where SLA is in place					
	Central		Delegated		Total	
East England	10	100%	16	89%	26	93%
East Midlands	0	0%	4	40%	4	36%
London	6	60%	32	80%	38	76%
North East	6	100%	2	67%	8	89%
North West	6	60%	4	40%	10	50%
South East	4	50%	32	84%	36	78%
South West	1	100%	7	50%	8	53%
West Midlands	7	78%	3	43%	10	63%
Yorkshire & Humber	17	85%	2	100%	19	86%
<b>England</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>73%</b>

**Table 5: Resource provisions led by a Qualified Teacher of the Deaf (QToD)**  
(% represents % of total number of resource provisions as per table above)

Region	Number of resource provisions led by a QToD					
	Central		Delegated		Total	
East England	10	100%	11	61%	21	75%
East Midlands	1	100%	6	60%	7	64%
London	8	80%	30	75%	38	76%
North East	6	100%	1	33%	7	78%
North West	10	100%	9	90%	19	95%
South East	5	63%	24	63%	29	63%
South West	1	100%	9	64%	10	67%
West Midlands	7	78%	4	57%	11	69%
Yorkshire & Humber	18	90%	2	100%	20	91%
<b>England</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>75%</b>

**Table 6: Places available/occupied in resource provisions by region**

Region	Number of places available in resource provisions	Number of places occupied in resource provisions
	Total	Total
East England	352	287
East Midlands	118	88
London	785	677
North East	124	104
North West	213	148
South East	442	295
South West	136	101
West Midlands	149	137
Yorkshire & Humber	283	231
<b>England</b>	<b>2,602</b>	<b>2,068</b>

**Table 7: Number of ToDs in resource provisions**

	In Post (FTE)	Vacancies (FTE)	Total (FTE)
Resource provision lead	78.4	3.3	81.7
ToDs with the mandatory qualification	170.21	12.35	182.56
Teachers in training for the mandatory qualification within 3 years	55.4	1.0	56.4
Working as a ToD not in training	29.1	0.0	29.1
<b>Total (England)</b>	<b>333.11</b>	<b>16.65</b>	<b>349.76</b>

**Table 8: Number of resource provisions without a QToD**

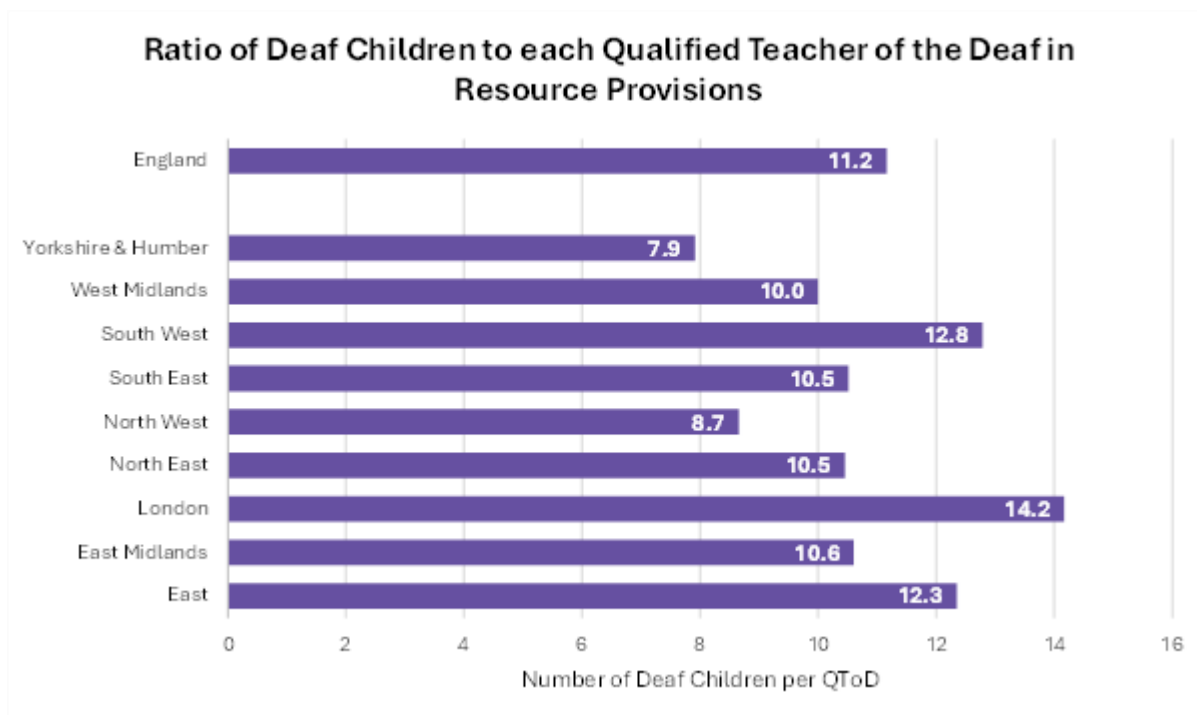
Region	Number and percentage of resource provisions <u>without</u> a qualified TOD in place					
	Central		Delegated		Total	
East England	0	0%	2	11%	2	7%
East Midlands	0	0%	3	30%	3	27%
London	1	10%	4	10%	5	10%
North East	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
North West	1	10%	2	20%	3	15%
South East	3	38%	4	11%	7	15%
South West	0	0%	3	21%	3	20%
West Midlands	2	22%	2	29%	4	25%
Yorkshire & Humber	1	5%	0	0%	1	5%
<b>England</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13%</b>

**Table 9: Number of resource provisions without a QToD or a ToD in training**

Region	Number and percentage of resource provisions without a qualified TOD or a TOD in training in place					
	Central		Delegated		Total	
East England	0	0%	1	6%	1	4%
East Midlands	0	0%	1	10%	1	9%
London	0	0%	2	5%	2	4%
North East	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
North West	0	0%	1	10%	1	5%
South East	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
South West	0	0%	1	7%	1	7%
West Midlands	1	11%	1	14%	1	13%
Yorkshire & Humber	1	5%	0	0%	1	5%
<b>England</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4%</b>

**Table 10: Average number of deaf children to each QToD in resource provisions**

	Average number of deaf children supported by each qualified ToD
East England	12.3
East Midlands	10.6
London	14.2
North East	10.5
North West	8.7
South East	10.5
South West	12.8
West Midlands	10.0
Yorkshire & Humber	7.9
<b>England</b>	<b>11.2</b>





**Table 11: Number of resource provisions where the number of deaf children supported by a QToD is more than 6**

Region	Number of resource provisions	Percentage of all resource provisions
East England	17	61%
East Midlands	3	27%
London	27	54%
North East	5	56%
North West	4	20%
South East	15	33%
South West	8	53%
West Midlands	6	38%
Yorkshire & Humber	5	23%
<b>England</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>41%</b>

**Table 12: Number of support staff employed in resource provisions**

Region	Number of staff (FTE)		
	In employment	Vacancies	Total
East England	148.75	5.4	154.15
East Midlands	41.53	0	41.53
London	170.22	11.6	181.82
North East	38.1	2	40.1
North West	72.0	0	72.0
South East	99.6	11.3	110.9
South West	32.98	3.4	36.38
West Midlands	51.05	3.81	54.86
Yorkshire & Humber	103.05	9.2	112.25
<b>England</b>	<b>757.28</b>	<b>46.71</b>	<b>803.99</b>

**Table 13: Communication approaches adopted by resource provisions**  
(totals won't match as some RPs ticked more than option)

	Number of resource provisions		
	BSL	Aural	Total communication
East England	0	2	27
East Midlands	3	5	9
London	3	18	33
North East	0	0	9
North West	0	5	12
South East	5	10	32
South West	4	9	8
West Midlands	0	5	12
Yorkshire & Humber	6	3	17
<b>England</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>159</b>

**Table 14: BSL qualifications held by any staff in resource provisions**

Region	Staff with level 3 qualification or above / First language users (FTE)	Percentage of all Staff
East England	39.5	20%
East Midlands	18.4	33%
London	73.78	26%
North East	16.05	29%
North West	36.4	37%
South East	46.0	28%
South West	9.2	18%
West Midlands	22.6	28%
Yorkshire & Humber	23.6	32%
<b>England</b>	<b>315.53</b>	<b>27%</b>