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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ05317**

Thank you for your request for information relating to car seats for children with disabilities.

You have requested the following information:

1. There is a legal requirement for all children to use car seats until the age of 12 years old or 135cm (whichever comes first).

a) With the exclusion of provision made for school transport, does the local authority provide specialist car seats to children with disabilities?

The Local Authority does not provide specialist car seats to children with disabilities. If this was required and assessed as needed, financial support could be provided under the provision of services under Section 17.

b) Again, excluding provision made for school transport, in the financial year 2017/18 how many specialist car seats were provided by the local authority to children with disabilities?

No specialised car seats were purchased or provided by the Local Authority during this period.

2. The Children Act 1989 requires local authorities to keep a register of disabled children in their area.

a) Does the local authority have an active register?

Yes.

b) How many disabled children are on that register?

There are 537 children on the disability register.

c) What other sources does the local authority use to count and plan budgets for disabled children?

The Local Authority uses the disability register to count and plan budgets for disabled children and also take in to account the number of children with an Education, Health and Care Plan, although not all are open to Children's Services.

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Yours sincerely

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