

## Freedom of Information request 224/2013

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### Information request

*In 2003 the DWP awarded £1million to fund a discrete programme of initiatives to support the Government's position statement on British Sign Language. I understand the closing date for expressions of interest was 5th December 2003 and the closing date for tenders was 20th January 2004.*

*I understand in 2004, the DWP announced the increase of funding to 1.5 million and announced provisional shortlist of:*

*British Deaf Association*

*Centre for Deaf People Leicester*

*Centre for Deaf Studies – University of Bristol*

*Christian Deaf Link*

*Consortium of Assessment and Training Providers*

*Deafplus*

*Leeds University*

*National Deaf Children's Society*

*Remark!*

*UK Council on Deafness Consortium*

*Then in 2009, the DWP invited tenders to organisations to assess success of initiatives, which was won by Centre for Deaf Studies, University of Bristol.*

*I would like to submit a freedom of information request for a breakdown of details of exactly where this £1.5 million was spent and which projects were funded by it.*

### DWP response

The following table sets out each of the projects and the funding they received.

<b>Name of Bidder</b>	<b>Summary of Bid</b>	<b>Total Price</b>
The British Deaf Association	To train 24 tutors to diploma level; to develop 135 hours of on-line curriculum material; to establish on-line learning	£263,000

	facilities.	
Centre for Deaf People, Leicester	Production of a DVD tutor support pack on higher education generic inspection standards. Pack will include resource material to aid lesson planning. Targeted at an identified need. National application.	£90,413
Deafplus	Pilot for 12 BSL tutors to gain FENTO teaching qualification. Development of supporting resource material. National application.	£75,000
The Consortium of Assessment and Training Providers	Development of a standard national web-based curriculum to support work of BSL tutors and students.	£235,339
Leeds University	Develop programme to up-skill 15 BSL tutors, including BSL Level 4 as appropriate. Production of tutor support material. Will use second language teaching approaches.	£46,129
NDCS	Development of a family sign language curriculum that will allow BSL tutors to develop techniques to raise awareness and deliver BSL training to families of deaf children. Targeted at a discrete, but significant gap in the language curriculum.	£49,505
CDS, University of Bristol	Provide a framework of BSL support material at point of need. Web based material, DVD's, video, mobile phone and	£330,000

	work specific dictionaries, including tutorial material.	
Christian Deaf Link	Training volunteers to deliver BSL awareness. Development of a Christian BSL lexicon.	£49,000
Remark!	Provide a free interactive DVD for delivery staff in 10,000 organisations. Promotion on website.	£103,863
UK Council on Deafness	To deliver a variety of awareness raising events to suit local/regional requirements (England and Wales) supported by a BSL awareness web site.	£250,000
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£1,492,249</b>