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Dear Fiona

**Request pursuant to Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request No 3856.**

I refer to your recent enquiry for information held by the Council.

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, the authority must state whether or not the information exists and I confirm that we do hold the information you requested.

Please find the information you requested enclosed. You requested;

1/ Could you please tell me:

a/ the total number of children in your authority with a statement of SEN

**Answer - 657**

b/ the number of home educated children in your authority with a statement of SEN

**Answer - 1**

c/ the number of home educated children of primary age with a statement of SEN

**Answer - 1**

d/ the number of home educated children of secondary age with a statement of SEN

**Answer - 0**

e/ the number of statements for home educated children categorised as having "moderate learning difficulty" (if the authority has a banding system, please could you indicate the number of home educated children within the relevant statement bands)

**Answer - 0**

f/ the number of statements for home educated children with physical disabilities

**Answer - 0**

g/ the number of statements for home educated children with speech, language and communication needs

**Answer - 0**

h/ the number of statements for home educated children with autism spectrum disorders

**Answer - 1**

i/ the number of statements for home educated children with severe or complex learning difficulties (if the authority has a banding system, please could you indicate the number of home educated children within the relevant statement bands)

**Answer - 0**



j/the number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who formerly attended a special school (if known)

**Answer - 0**

k/the number of children with a statement of SEN who started home education during the calendar year 2012

**Answer- 0**

l/the number of children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 2 years

**Answer - 1**

m/the number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 5 years

**Answer - 0**

n/the number of children with a statement of SEN who ceased to be home educated during the calendar year 2012 because they started to attend school

**Answer – 2 pupils in total, one of whom was a pupil who had Statutory Assessment agreed whilst on home education before going on roll at a school.**

2/Within your authority - not including the provision of assessments/reports for the annual review of the statement of SEN - do home educated children have access to any of the following:

a/educational psychology service -

b/occupational therapy services and equipment

c/speech and language therapy

d/CAMHS

**Answer - If any of these were identified on their statement we would expect them to be provided by the relevant service, and if not we would provide. We also provide these services for home educated students who do not have a statement but have requested some involvement and there is some evidence to suggest that an assessment may be helpful.**

3/Does the authority have a specific policy with regard to provision of services and support listed in Part 3 of the statement when a child with a statement of SEN is home educated? If yes, could you please summarise the policy, for example if the authority does not make provision available when a child is home educated

**Answer - The LA does not have a specific policy regarding provision of services listed in part 3 of the Statement. If support is required for the young person the officer for EHE will bring the case to the multi-agency Education Panel so that appropriate support is allocated.**

4/How many home educated children with a statement of SEN will be entered on the Alternative Provision Census under the category Not a School, for SEN support (deadline Thursday January 17th <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/parents/involvement/homeeducation/a0073322/funding-for-home-education>)

**Answer - 0**

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Yours sincerely

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