

## Freedom of Information Response Blaenau Gwent November 2012

How many School Attendance Orders has the authority served in the past 12 months?

1. Does the authority have a named contact within the authority who is familiar with home education policy and practice and who has an understanding of the relevant legislation and a range of educational philosophies?
2. If yes, to question 2/ could you please supply me with details of the named contact?
3. Does the authority send information to parents through the post?
4. If yes to question 4/ could you please give examples of the type of information which the authority has sent in the past 12 months?
5. Does the authority make contact with home educating families on an annual basis in order to seek a meeting or request an updated report?
6. Does the authority offer any support to home educating families?
7. If yes to question 7/ could you please give examples of the type of support offered in the past 12 months?
8. In relation to the guidance issued by Estyn in 2010, does the authority provide helpful guidance for parents educating their children at home when requested to do so?
9. How many children in elective home education residing in your area have a statement of special educational needs?
10. Does the authority have a formal policy or protocol document regarding children who are educated at home and who have special educational needs, or additional learning needs?
11. If yes to question 11/ could you please supply me with a copy of the relevant policy/protocol document?

1. There have been no school attendance orders served by the authority for pupils receiving home elective education.

2. Yes.

3. Sherrill Worgan, Thomas Richard Centre, Sirhowy Tredegar. NP224PY Tel:01495357722/357714 e mail: [thomasrichard.centre@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk](mailto:thomasrichard.centre@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk)

4. Yes.

5. This could be an initial letter of introduction, an appointment/letter and /or a report of visit letter including any advice offered.

6. Yes I do.

7. Yes.

8. Advice from the SPLD service for 1 pupil and advice from the Educational Psychology team for another pupil.

9. Yes. This has been in the form of SPLD, EP, and exam arrangements.

10. Only one pupil has a statement of special educational needs for autism.

11. The authority has a policy for children who are educated at home but this does not extend to those who have special educational needs of additional needs at present. This is an area in need of development.