

Bridgend Freedom of Information Request October 2012

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

None

2/ 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?

Yes

3/ If yes, to question 2/ could you please supply me with details of the named contact?

All enquiries should be directed to the Authority's Customer Contact Centre, Tel: 01656 643643, E-mail: talktous@bridgend.gov.uk

4/ Does the authority send information to parents through the post?

Yes

5/ 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?

The Authority has sent out the following information: our policy for consultation purposes; a questionnaire asking for opinions on our service/policy/guidance; a letter offering a venue and time for a forum; a newly created guidance booklet.

6/ Does the authority make contact with home educating families on an annual basis in order to seek a meeting or request an updated report?

Yes – when the parents agree to this.

7/ Does the authority offer any support to home educating families?

Yes

8/ If yes to question 7/ could you please give examples of the type of support offered in the past 12 months?

Local authority liaison will endeavour to link with local authority services to gain support and continue to try to open up LA services. The MLD team have provided advice and resources for use by parents. Currently, local authority liaison are undergoing training to be able to offer access to dyslexia assessment.

9/ 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?

Parents can contact EHE liaison to ask questions and receive advice on their child's education.

10/ How many children in elective home education residing in your area have a statement of special educational needs?

One.

11/ 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?

No

12/ If yes to question 11/ could you please supply me with a copy of the relevant policy/protocol document?

Not applicable.