

Caerphilly Freedom of Information Response 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?

Jacquelyn Elias, Additional Learning Needs Manager

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?

Information on regular attendance (from EWS perspective)

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

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

Yes initial visit by Education Welfare Officer and annual visit by Advisor, where teaching /learning programmes are discussed and monitored. If issues are raised relating to individual children/young people advice is offered and if appropriate support for the family through referral to relevant agencies

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

Following a monitoring meeting with a parent , she acknowledged that her son was not making progress and that she was not able to appropriately support his education in the home setting. Support was given to her son to enable him to access a placement in an alternative education setting.

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?

If requested to do so, yes.

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

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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?

Yes

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

EOTAS policy attached.