

Camden SEN EHE FOI Response February 2013

1. Could you please tell me:

- A. The total number of children in your authority with a statement of SEN - 970
- B. The number of home educated children in your authority with a statement of SEN
- C. The number of home educated children of primary age with a statement of SEN
- D. The number of home educated children of secondary age with a statement of SEN
- 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)
- F. The number of statements for home educated children with physical disabilities
- G. The number of statements for home educated children with speech, language and communication needs
- H. The number of statements for home educated children with autism spectrum disorders
- 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)
- J. The number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who formerly attended a special school (if known)
- K. The number of children with a statement of SEN who started home education during the calendar year 2012
- L. The number of children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 2 years
- M. The number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 5 years
- 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

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>)

In relation to question 1B-N and 4 we can confirm that we hold this information however we are withholding some of this as we consider that the absolute exemption under Section 40(2); Third party personal data applies.

Section 40(2) Third party personal data

Personal data of any other person (third party data) is exempt under Section 40(2) if disclosure would breach one of the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998.

The release of this information would breach the 1st Data Protection principle; Personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully.

As per the Data Protection Act 1998;

“Personal data’ means data which relate to a living individual who can be identified –
(a) from those data”

The number of children who are home educated with Special Education Needs is so low that to break this down by the categories that you have requested can potentially identify those individuals when released into the public domain, a disclosure under the Freedom of Information act is a disclosure to the world at large and we have a duty to adhere to the Data Protection Act 1998 when disclosing any information that may potentially identify individuals.

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?

Home educated children have access to an educational psychologist at a annual review

B. Occupational therapy services and equipment?

If this has been specified on the statement

C. Speech and language therapy?

If this has been specified on the statement.

D. CAMHS?

If specified on the statement

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

Yes, Parents are invited to an Annual Review of the statement. SEN liaises with the Home Education Team for a copy of the home education tutor report and follows up if there are any concerns.

We can confirm that there were ≤ 5 for questions 1b – n. Numbers are so low that to even reveal those categories with a zero value could potentially identify those with a figure assigned and subsequently those individuals.

In relation to question 4, the number of children educated other than at school (EOTAS) submitted as part of the Alternative Provision Census relating to “Not a School for SEN support” is ≤ 5