

Conwy Freedom of Information Response October 2012

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

Conwy County Borough Council has not served any School Attendance Orders in the past 12 months.

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?

The Authority has a named contact within the authority, contact via the Chief Education Officer, who is familiar with the home education policy and practice and who has an understanding of the relevant legislation and can offer advice.

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

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

Yes the Authority sends information to parents via post and telephone. Please see enclosures which are examples. The Welsh Government is currently conducting a consultation which will require these to be modified

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? Please see Question 4

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 the Authority makes contact with home educating families. It has done so with limited success as many families currently chose not to correspond. Some are very diligent and have been visited.

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

Conwy doesn't offer support in the sense of curriculum detail but does offer general advice and fulfils a monitoring role whenever parents agree to cooperate.

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

Type of support offered - Legal guidance/requirements of parents (see letter one and pack).

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?

Yes the Authority does provide helpful guidance for parents educating their children at home when requested to do so.

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

We are unable to give you precise details because Welsh Assembly Guidance states results should not be shown where their inclusion may be disclosive (data item is less than 5, could be identifiable).

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?

The Authority is in the process of producing a formal protocol regarding children who are educated at home and who have Special Educational Needs or Additional Learning Needs. We have none currently but this is dealt with as far as practicable by Statementing Section.

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

N/A