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Dear Fiona Nicholson,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information about availability of services and support for home educated children with SEN and disabilities throughout England, which the Council received on 02/01/2013. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have requested the following information:

Question 1:

a/the total number of children in your authority with a statement of SEN = 1315 (at January 2012)

b/the number of home educated children in your authority with a statement of SEN = 2 c/the number of home educated children of primary age with a statement of SEN = 0 d/the number of home educated children of secondary age with a statement of SEN = 2 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) = 0

f/the number of statements for home educated children with physical disabilities = 0 g/the number of statements for home educated children with speech, language and communication needs = 0

h/the number of statements for home educated children with autism spectrum disorders = 2 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) = 0

j/the number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who formerly attended a special school (if known) = 0

k/the number of children with a statement of SEN who started home education during the calendar year 2012 = 1

l/the number of children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 2 years = 1

m/the number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 5 years = 1

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 = 2

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 b/occupational therapy services and equipment c/speech and language therapy d/CAMHS

Response: Home educated children have access to all the services listed in a-d

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

Response: The LA would ensure that appropriate provision was available. Health would continue to provide a service as appropriate. SEN support services would have involvement as required for example the Coventry Autism Support Service.

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/a007 3322/funding-for-home-education

Response: 0

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Yours sincerely,

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