

Denbighshire Freedom of Information Response October 2012

Q1. How many School Attendance Orders has the authority served in the past 12 months?

A1. None.

Q2. 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?

A2. Yes.

Q3. If yes, to question 2/ could you please supply me with details of the named contact?

A3. Sheila Breeze - sheila.breeze@denbighshire.gov.uk

Q4. Does the authority send information to parents through the post?

A4. Yes.

Q5. 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?

A5. We send out a standard pro-forma to all parents when they withdraw a pupil for elective home education asking them to provide information on how they plan to educate their child and on our system of monitoring visits.

Q6. Does the authority make contact with home educating families on an annual basis in order to seek a meeting or request an updated report?

A6. We currently have an embryonic monitoring system of monitoring visits with the intention of annual visits.

Q7. Does the authority offer any support to home educating families?

A7. Yes but it is limited support.

Q8. If yes to question 7/ could you please give examples of the type of support offered in the past 12 months?

A8. We give all parents new to elective home education contact details for a Denbighshire network and we would offer telephone advice. Additional support could be offered to assist parents with re-admission to school if they wished.

Q9. 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?

A9. We have limited guidance in the initial paperwork we send out to parents and guidance for parents in our policy document.

Q10. How many children in elective home education residing in your area have a statement of special educational needs?

A10. One.

Q11. 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?

A11. Our guidance is currently being reviewed and will be available on our website in the New Year.

Q12. If yes to question 11/ could you please supply me with a copy of the relevant policy/protocol document?

A12. As above.