

Information Request 03378

Please find Devon County Council's response below in **bold** text.

Request

1/Could you please tell me:

a/the total number of children in your authority with a statement of SEN

3597

b/the number of home educated children in your authority with a statement of SEN

24

c/the number of home educated children of primary age with a statement of SEN

6

d/the number of home educated children of secondary age with a statement of SEN

18

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)

6

f/the number of statements for home educated children with physical disabilities

5

g/the number of statements for home educated children with speech, language and communication needs

4

h/the number of statements for home educated children with autism spectrum disorders

12

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)

1

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

4

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

11

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

9

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

4

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

3

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

Yes

b/occupational therapy services and equipment

Provided by Health if considered appropriate

c/speech and language therapy

Provided by Health if considered appropriate

d/CAMHS

Provided by Health if considered appropriate

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

The Authority acts in accordance with the SEN Code of Practice (section 8:95) and arranges annual review meetings with parents and professionals involved to ensure that suitable provision is being arranged and support planning for the future. The Authority does not make provision (eg direct teaching or materials) available but provides information to parents about elective home education including duties, suggestions about delivery of education, etc. In addition, the Authority arranges visits by Elective Home Education Advisers who provide advice to parents as well as advising the Authority as to whether a satisfactory education is being delivered. There is liaison between the teams responsible for children's statements and elective home education to ensure a joint response should the home education be unsatisfactory or a parent wish their child to return to 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>)

None.

If you wish to speak with someone regarding the above request, please contact the Information Governance Team on 01392 384678 or email foioffice@devon.gov.uk