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Dear Fiona Nicholson

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT – REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Your request for information on support for home educated children, received on 27-DEC-2012, has been considered.

**You requested:** 1/ could you please tell me:

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

**Our response:** 2483

**You requested:** b/the number of home educated children in your authority with a statement of SEN

**Our response:** 11

**You requested:** c/the number of home educated children of primary age with a statement of SEN

**Our response:** 4

**You requested:** d/the number of home educated children of secondary age with a statement of SEN

**Our response:** 7

**You requested:** 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)

**Our response:** 3

**You requested:** f/the number of statements for home educated children with physical disabilities

**Our response:** 3

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

**Our response:** 1

**You requested:** h/the number of statements for home educated children with autism spectrum disorders

**Our response:** 3

**You requested:** 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)

**Our response:** nil

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

**Our response:** 6

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

**Our response:** 2

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

**Our response:** 5

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

**Our response:** 3

**You requested:** 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

**Our response:** 3

**You requested:** 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

- Our response:** Yes, all children with statements of SEN would have access to the Education Psychology Service, if needed.
- You requested:** b/occupational therapy services and equipment
- Our response:** Yes, all children with statements of SEN would have access to the Occupational Therapy Services, if needed.
- You requested:** c/speech and language therapy
- Our response:** Yes, all children with statements of SEN would have access to Speech and Language Therapy Services, if needed.
- You requested:** d/CAMHS
- Our response:** Yes, all children with statements of SEN would have access to CAMHS, if needed.
- You requested:** 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
- Our response:** Where the local authority is satisfied that the parents have made suitable provision for their child, no support is available for children receiving elective home education. The Statement will, of course, be monitored through the Statutory Annual Review process.
- You requested:** 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> )
- Our response:** None of the children with a Statement of SEN who are home educated will be entered on the alternative provision census.

We hope this information is of assistance, however, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please contact:

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Yours sincerely

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