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Dear Ms Nicholson,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your request for information received by the Council on 27th December 2012. It has been assessed and the following information is provided in response:

Local authorities are required under section 251 of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 to prepare and submit annually to the Secretary of State separate budget and outturn statements about their planned and actual expenditure for their education and children's social care functions.

In its Report on Home Education Support, published in December 2012, the Education Committee stated that it is inappropriate for home education officers to be located in attendance, looked after children or safeguarding. Instead, the Committee felt that local authority officers dealing with home education ought to be situated within a dedicated team or sit within a neutral location such as learning or library services.(Paragraph 28)

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmeduc/559/55909.htm>

Please could you tell me:

1/where home education currently sits in your authority

Children's Services
Safeguarding & Support
Behaviour and Social Inclusion Service

2/which line in the s251 table includes an allocation for home education services within the "other education and community budget" for example Education Welfare, School Improvement, Parent Partnership or Other

The employees who deal with home education as part of their roles are primarily reported at 1.2.3 Support for Inclusion.

3/the forward budget sum allocated to home education service and support

There is no specific budget for home education, this is included as part of several employees overall roles.

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Yours sincerely,

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