

## Flintshire Answers October 2012

1/ How many School Attendance Orders has the authority served in the past 12 months? **None**

2/ 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? **Yes**

3/ If yes, to question 2/ could you please supply me with details of the named contact? Senior Learning Advisor EOTAS  
Uwch Ymgynghorydd Addysg Heblaw yn yr Ysgol

4/ Does the authority send information to parents through the post? **Yes**

5/ 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?

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

7/ Does the authority offer any support to home educating families?

Yes.

We are currently exploring holding an annual meeting at County Hall where Home Educators can meet with School Health Service, Statementing Officers, Learning Advisors, Educational psychology service, educational publishers, Careers Service, Flintshire leisure Service, etc

8/ If yes to question 7/ could you please give examples of the type of support offered in the past 12 months? **Annual visits**

9/ 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? **Yes**

10/ How many children in elective home education residing in your area have a statement of special educational needs? **Where it is not possible to sufficiently anonymise data and there is potential for identifying living individuals such information may be exempted. Due to the small number of individuals [less than 10] and the small geographical area it is considered possible that publishing this information may make these individuals or families identifiable. It is also considered that releasing such information may cause distress to subjects and none of the conditions under sch3 of The Data Protection Act may be met. Therefore this information is refused under s40(2) & (3) In that release may breach the Data Protection Principles, and contravene s10 of The Data Protection Act. It is not considered that release**

*s40(3)The first condition is—*

*(a)in a case where the information falls within any of paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition of “data” in section 1(1) of theData Protection Act 1998, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene—*

*(i)any of the data protection principles, or*

*(ii)section 10 of that Act (right to prevent processing likely to cause damage or distress), and*

*(b)in any other case, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene any of the data protection principles if the exemptions in section 33A(1) of theData Protection Act 1998 (which relate to manual data held by public authorities) were disregarded.*

This part of the request is also refused under s44 Prohibitions on disclosure in that release may constitute a breach of Article 8 [right to privacy] Human Rights Act [ECHR]

11/ 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? [Yes](#)

12/ If yes to question 11/ could you please supply me with a copy of the relevant policy/protocol document? [see above](#)