

Gwynedd Freedom of Information Response 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?

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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?

A sheet has been produced for parents/carers, that explains home education entitlements and responsibilities. These sheets are distributed through the Education Welfare Service

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?

The authority conducts Annual Reviews for children who have a statement of Special Educational Needs.

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

Yes

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

Advise on resources / materials.

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?

5.

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, the authority does have a formal policy / protocol.

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

Copy enclosed. (Currently being updated)