

Hounslow SEN EHE FOI Response February 2013

1. You wish to know:

- a. The total number of children in our authority with a statement of SEN 1418
- b. The number of electively home educated children in our authority with a statement of SEN 2
- c. The number of electively home educated children of primary age with a statement of SEN 1
- d. The number of electively home educated children of secondary age with a statement of SEN 1
- e. The number of statements for electively home educated children categorised as having "moderate learning difficulty" (if the authority has a banding system, please indicate the number of electively home educated children within the relevant statement bands) 0
- f. The number of statements for electively home educated children with physical disabilities 0
- g. The number of statements for electively home educated children with speech, language and communication needs. 1
- h. The number of statements for electively home educated children with autism spectrum disorders 1
- i. The number of statements for electively home educated children with severe or complex learning difficulties (if the authority has a banding system, please indicate the number of home educated children within the relevant statement bands) 0
- j. The number of electively home educated children with a statement of SEN who formerly attended a special school (if known) 2
- k. The number of children with a statement of SEN who started elective home education during the calendar year 2012 0
- l. The number of children with a statement of SEN who have been electively home educated for more than 2 years. 2
- m. The number of electively home educated children with a statement of SEN who have been electively home educated for more than 5 years 1
- n. The number of children with a statement of SEN who ceased to be electively home educated during the calendar year 2012 because they started to attend school 0

2. Within our authority - not including the provision of assessments/reports for the annual review of the statement of SEN - do electively home educated children have access to any of the following:

- a. Educational psychology service
- b. Occupational therapy services and equipment
- c. Speech and language therapy
- d. CAMHS

In cases where a parent is willing to engage with the EHE officer and with the CAF process, it is possible for a referral to be made to various support services. This can include support by a Key Worker, and access to CAMHS or other services where the thresholds for support are met.

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 electively 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 Council has a statement in the new EHE policy which outlines the EHE involvement with SEN, and good practice regarding School Action plus as follows: Elective Home Education and SEN

This section is written in the light of guidance from The Department for Children, Schools and Families issued guidance, in February 2010.

Pupils with a statement

The Statutory Review of a SEN Statement for an Electively Home Educated child is also to include an annual review of that child's Elective Home Education provision. The review will be called and administered by the SEN Assessment and Review Team. The monitoring officer should contribute to the review. Preferably the review will take place in the family home with the SEN Officer and Elective Home Education Team member in

attendance.

School Action Plus

Pupils who had been on a school roll and who had received school action plus in relation to special educational needs may continue to receive support from the Local Authority in relation to his/her identified needs. This is not a statutory obligation but may be regarded as good practice. For any Local Authority support to be practicable, the parent will need to engage with officers and allow monitoring activity.

4 How many electively 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? 2

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/parents/involvement/homeeducation/a0073322/funding-for-home-education>