

Kent SEN EHE FOI Response January 2013

Question 1

- a The total number of children in your authority with a statement of SEN
6874
- b The number of home educated children in your authority with a statement of SEN
47
- c The number of home educated children of primary age with a statement of SEN
14
- d The number of home educated children of secondary age with a statement of SEN
33
- e The number of statements for home educated children categorised as having moderate learning difficulty
5
- f The number of statements for home educated children with physical disabilities
5
- g The number of statements for home educated children with speech, language and communication needs
7
- h The number of statements for home educated children with autism spectrum disorders
20
- i The number of statements for home educated children with severe or complex learning difficulties
4
- j The number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who formerly attended a special school
15
- k The number of children with a statement of SEN who started home education during the calendar year 2012
12
- l The number of children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 2 years (at at 01/01/2013)
20
- m The number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 5 years (as at 01/01/2013)
6
- 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
5

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. This support is commissioned by schools through forums set up to support schools and since trading is actually bought by schools. Parents within the Local Authority provision or outside of Local Authority provision can and do seek this support privately.

B. Occupational therapy services and equipment. If a child has a health requirement they would access help through health professionals.

C. Speech and language therapy. Access to speech and language therapy would be sought through health professionals.

D. CAMHS. This service can be accessed through the GP service.

At the moment we do not have any children with statements whose parents have elected to educate them at home who are getting extra support for provision set out in Part 3 of the Statement. There may be children with health needs set out in Parts 5 and 6 who receive access to OT and/or CAMHS but we do not have access to that information. The responsibility for delivery of this rests with health professionals and they assess eligibility and arrange delivery, not KCC's home education department.

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. We do not have a written policy on educational input from support/specialist services but each case is reviewed annually through the Annual Review process and if we had any concerns about needs not being met, we would take appropriate action.

Question 4

No of Children

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 (as at 01/01/2013)
0