

## Kirklees SEN EHE FOI Response January 2013

a. *the total number of children in your authority with a statement of SEN*

1852

b. *the number of home educated children in your authority with a statement of SEN*

9

c. *the number of home educated children of primary age with a statement of SEN*

d. *the number of home educated children of secondary age with a statement of SEN*

e. *the number of statements for home educated children categorised as having "moderate learning difficulty" (if the authority has a banding system, please could you indicate the number of home educated children within the relevant statement bands)*

f. *the number of statements for home educated children with physical disabilities*

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g. *the number of statements for home educated children with speech, language and communication needs*

None

h. *the number of statements for home educated children with autism spectrum disorders*

i. *the number of statements for home educated children with severe or complex learning difficulties (if the authority has a banding system, please could you indicate the number of home educated children within the relevant statement bands)*

j. *the number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who formerly attended a special school (if known)*

k. *the number of children with a statement of SEN who started home education during the calendar year 2012*

l. *the number of children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 2 years*

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m. *the number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 5 years*

None

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*

The Council can confirm that it does hold the information requested, but is refusing to release this information, and I have attached the refusal notice which sets out the reasons why and the process of appeal against this refusal. The numbers of individual children falling in to each of the specific categories is very small. The Council therefore considers that although the information itself may not be personal data, the small numbers of individuals in each specific set of circumstances can provide particular information which would identify an individual, and so it becomes personal data relating to that individual.

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*

b. *occupational therapy services and equipment*

c. *speech and language therapy*

d. *CAMHS*

Yes - Continuation of existing service or Parental referral

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*

Parental Guidance is available on EHE, there is a specific section relating to SEN. This section states that pupils with a statement can be electively home educated, however the LA would expect to see that provision is made for the pupils special educational needs (*This would not necessarily be set out in Part 3 of the statement*). The LA continues its duty to undertake annual reviews of the statement.

4. *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 (deadline Thursday January*

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

In 2012, 10 pupils were on the census. For the current year, the DfE doesn't close the Census until 19 April 2013 so the Council is unable to give a definitive response at this time.