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Dear Ms Nicholson

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

I am carrying out research on the availability of services and support for home educated children with SEN and disabilities throughout England in the wake of the Education Committee's recent Report into Support for Home Education which urged local authorities to comply with statutory guidance and to ensure that home-educated young people with SEN or medical conditions are not being discriminated against.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmeduc/559/559.pdf>

1/Could you please tell me:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 17th)

Question	Response
1/Could you please tell me:	
a/the total number of children in your authority with a statement of SEN	1489
b/the number of home educated children in your authority with a statement of SEN	5
c/the number of home educated children of primary age with a statement of SEN	4
d/the number of home educated children of secondary age with a statement of SEN	1
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)	3
f/the number of statements for home educated children with physical disabilities	0
g/the number of statements for home educated children with speech, language and communication needs	0
h/the number of statements for home educated children with autism spectrum disorders	2
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)	0
j/the number of 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 home education during the calendar year 2012	3
l/the number of children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 2 years	1
m/the number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 5 years	0

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	1
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/the total number of children in your authority with a statement of SEN	These services would be available to a home educated child if they were to be requested by a parent/carer and a service assessment supported the requirement.
b/the number of home educated children in your authority with a statement of SEN	
c/the number of home educated children of primary age with a statement of SEN	
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	
There is no specific Local Authority policy about provision to Home Educated children, and there is no bar relating to Home Educated children. Therefore, services and support identified at Part 3 would be provided.	
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 17th	
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Information and Support

Leicester City Council

FREEPOST (LE985/33)

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Wycliffe House

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Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

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Yours sincerely



Lynn Wyeth

Information Governance Manager