

Leicestershire FOI Response on EHE Location January 2013

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FOI 3945 - s251 forward budget allocation for home education services and support

Response

Local authorities are required under section 251 of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 to prepare and submit annually to the Secretary of State separate budget and outturn statements about their planned and actual expenditure for their education and children's social care functions.

In its Report on Home Education Support, published in December 2012, the Education Committee stated that it is inappropriate for home education officers to be located in attendance, looked after children or safeguarding. Instead, the Committee felt that local authority officers dealing with home education ought to be situated within a dedicated team or sit within a neutral location such as learning or library services.(Paragraph 28)

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmeduc/559/55909.htm>

Please could you tell me:

1. where home education currently sits in your authority
Elective Home Education:
 - The responsibility / accountability / strategic lead / monitoring / tracking etc sits in Pupil Services, within School Admissions and Pupil Services (SA & PS)
 - SA & PS have a service level agreement with the Learning Support Service (part of the Specialist Teaching Service) to complete the home visits & write up the visit notes
2. which line in the s251 table includes an allocation for home education services within the "other education and community budget" for example Education Welfare, School Improvement, Parent Partnership or Other
The Home Education cost is included in the proportion of the School Admissions and Pupil Services budget shown under line 2.0.5 Supply of School Places.
3. the forward budget sum allocated to home education service and support

There is not a separate budget for home education. The service cost is incorporated within the services identified in the answer to question 1, and we do not allocate any funding directly to home educators.