

ENQUIRIES TO: Karen Hellon
YOUR REF:
OUR REF: FOI/234381



Ms Nicholson

Email: fiona@edyourself.org

Date: 10 January 2013

Dear Ms Nicholson

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your recent request received 27 December 2012 and actioned under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) in which you requested the following information:

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

I can confirm that the City Council holds some but not all of the information you have requested.

RESPONSE:

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(a)	1395
(b)	3
(c)	0
(d)	3
(e)	2
(f)	0
(g)	0
(h)	1
(i)	0
(j)	0
(k)	2
(l)	1
(m)	0
(n)	0

2. Home schooled pupils access all services as required.

3. The local authority makes all provisions to pupils according to need irrespective of home schooled status.

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This concludes the response to your request. The City Council will consider appeals, referrals or complaints in respect of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 and you must submit these in writing to Informationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk within 28 days of receiving your response.

The matter will be dealt with by an officer who was not previously involved with the response and we will look to provide a response within 28 working days.

If you remain dissatisfied you may also apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision about whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Information Commissioner's website is www.ico.gov.uk and the postal address and telephone numbers are:-Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Fax number 01625 524 510, DX 20819, Telephone 01625 545745. Email – mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk (they advise that their email is not secure).

Yours sincerely

K. A. Hellon

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