

## Freedom of Information Response Neath Port Talbot October 2012

1/ How many School Attendance Orders has the authority served in the past 12 months? In regard elective home education: None.

2/ Does the authority have a named contact within the authority who is familiar with home education policy and practice and who has an understanding of the relevant legislation and a range of educational philosophies? Yes.

3/ If yes, to question 2/ could you please supply me with details of the named contact? Mrs. Anne Lewis, Elective Home Education Officer, Email: [a.lewis2@npt.gov.uk](mailto:a.lewis2@npt.gov.uk)

4/ Does the authority send information to parents through the post? Yes

5/ If yes to question 4/ could you please give examples of the type of information which the authority has sent in the past 12 months? Initial contact letter when notified of de-registration; letter to request a meeting with parent; copies of home visit reports provided to parent; general letters providing advice on issues such as Careers Wales.

6/ Does the authority make contact with home educating families on an annual basis in order to seek a meeting or request an updated report? Yes

7/ Does the authority offer any support to home educating families? Yes

8/ If yes to question 7/ could you please give examples of the type of support offered in the past 12 months? Referrals Careers Wales; Community Dental Service; Liaising role between SEN Service and Parent.

9/ In relation to the guidance issued by Estyn in 2010, does the authority provide helpful guidance for parents educating their children at home when requested to do so? Yes

10/ How many children in elective home education residing in your area have a statement of special educational needs? 2

11/ Does the authority have a formal policy or protocol document regarding children who are educated at home and who have special educational needs, or additional learning needs? Yes to policy relating to EHE, however, no specific policy relating to EHE and SEN.

12/ If yes to question 11/ could you please supply me with a copy of the relevant policy/protocol document?