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Date: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Dear Ms Nicholson

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information Request**

I refer to your request for information dated 27<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

In accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I have now processed your request.

You asked:

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
- 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
- 3/the forward budget sum allocated to home education service and support

Please find the information requested below:

Q1 Home education forms part of the Education Strategy and Commissioning division and as of the beginning of this school term now sits within the Strategic Attendance Team.

Q2 Paragraph 1.3.3 Education out of school.

Q3 £93,000

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Yours sincerely

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