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Dear Ms Nicholson

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information Request

I refer to your request for information dated 27th December 2012.

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

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

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

Please find the information requested below:

- 1)
- a) For 2012: 4783
- b) 42
- c) 11
- d) 31
- e) 8
- f) 4
- g) 13

- h) 4
- i) 5
- j) 7
- k) 15
- l) 25
- m) 30
- n) 0

2)

- a) We do not provide services
- b) Yes, some home educated children do have access to occupational therapy services and equipment.
- c) Yes, some home educated children do have access to speech and language therapy.
- d) Home educated children and young people (with or without additional needs) have the same entitlement as other children and young people to access both targeted and specialist CAMHS in Norfolk.

3) Norfolk County Council does not have a specific policy. However, we are aware of this duty and will be developing and publishing our approach / policy in due course.

4) No children with a statement of SEN will be entered on the Alternative Provision Census.

Should you have any queries regarding the information provided then please contact:

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The Archive Centre
Martineau Lane
Norwich NR1 2DQ

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Telephone: 01603 222661

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Norwich NR1 2BR
E-mail: complimentsandcomplaints@norfolk.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely

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Data Protection and Freedom of Information Officer