

North Lincolnshire EHE SEN FOI Response February 2013

1/ Could you please tell me:

a/ the total number of children in your authority with a statement of SEN

817

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

The answer to all questions 1b – 1n is fewer than 5. (We do not disclose numbers where there are fewer than 5 to avoid any potential for personally identifiable information being shared)

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

Yes

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.

The specifics regarding Elective Home Education and SEN are contained in paragraph 3.2 of the EHE policy which can be found at the following link

<http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/education/education-welfare/electivehomeeducation/?locale=en>

and states:

Parents of a child who has a Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) can educate him/her at home. However, if the child is on the roll of a special school the child's name may not be removed from the register of that school without the LA's consent. Consent may not unreasonably be withheld. If a child who has a statement of SEN is educated at home it remains the duty of the LA to ensure that the child's needs are met. The statement must remain in place and it is the LA's statutory duty to undertake an annual review of Special Educational Needs. This review includes assessing whether the statement is still appropriate, requires amendment or might cease to be maintained. If parents' arrangements are suitable then the LA is relieved of its duty to arrange the provision specified in the statement

Services included in Part 3 of the Statement are available if requested by the parent.

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>)

The DfE 2013 Alternative Provision Census Guidance S1.4e only requires home educated pupils to be recorded on the AP census when the Authority is providing funding.