

North Somerset SEN EHE FOI Response January 2013

Please note that responses for queries 1 & 4 are based on 1 EHE pupil as at the census date of 17/01/13, except for 1K & 1N which asks for numbers based on EHE pupils during the 2012 calendar year.

a/the total number of children in your authority with a statement of SEN - **530**

b/the number of home educated children in your authority with a statement of SEN - **1**

c/the number of home educated children of primary age with a statement of SEN - **0**

d/the number of home educated children of secondary age with a statement of SEN - **1**

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) - **0**

f/the number of statements for home educated children with physical disabilities - **0**

g/the number of statements for home educated children with speech, language and communication needs - **0**

h/the number of statements for home educated children with autism spectrum disorders - **1**

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) - **0**

j/the number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who formerly attended a special school (if known) - **1**

k/the number of children with a statement of SEN who started home education during the calendar year 2012 - **2 (calendar year)**

l/the number of children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 2 years - **0**

m/the number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 5 years - **0**

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 (calendar year)**

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

Children who are home educated still have access to a range of services. They can access the Vulnerable Learners' Service, which includes Educational Psychology support. It would be expected that a referral would be made as a result of an annual visit by the North Somerset Liaison Officer responsible for Elective Home Education. Children would still be able to access Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy and CAMHS as these are health services and are dependent upon need rather than school placement. Any referral would need to be made by the family GP.

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

We do not have a specific policy regarding provision of services and support listed in Part 3 of the statement when a child is home educated. If a parent of a child with a Statement opts to electively home educate their child then an initial monitoring visit would be carried out by the North Somerset Liaison Officer responsible for Elective Home Education. This initial visit may involve a colleague from the Vulnerable Learners' Service. Once the initial visit has been carried out a decision would be made as to whether or not suitable educational provision was in place. If it was determined that suitable provision was in place, then the Statement would be amended in Part 4 to state that parents had opted to electively home educate their child. The Local Authority's only responsibility would therefore be to review the Statement on an annual basis to ensure that the child's needs were being appropriately met but there would be no responsibility to ensure that the provision named in part 3 was in place.

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>)

In addition to the above, I have attached the Elective Home Education Brochure which provides advice and guidance to parents wishing to electively home educate their child.