

**Request:**

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 confirm:

1/where home education currently sits in your authority

Home education is currently supported within the Attendance and Education Welfare Service, which is part of the School Improvement Service.

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

Line 2.0.9

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

Assuming this question relates to the 2013/14 financial year, this budget has not yet been finalised, therefore we do not currently hold this information. It will be available from 1st April 2013.