

North Yorkshire SEN EHE FOI Response January 2013

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: **1665**

b/ the number of home educated children in your authority with a statement of SEN: **5**

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: **5**

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: **Fewer than 5**

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): **Fewer than 5**

j/ the number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who formerly attended a special school (if known): **Fewer than 5**

k/ the number of children with a statement of SEN who started home education during the calendar year 2012: **Fewer than 5**

l/ the number of children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 2 years: **Fewer than 5**

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

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: **Fewer than 5**

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 – **not routinely; in that this service allocates time to children’s centres and maintained schools, through which we get to know about the vast majority of children and young people in the County, who are experiencing learning or social and emotional difficulties. If a specific request for involvement of the educational psychology were made then we would consider it on its merits as to whether we were an appropriate service to offer help or advice.**

b/ occupational therapy services and equipment

c/ speech and language therapy

d/ CAMHS

Services under b, c & d are provided through health services in North Yorkshire and apart from a small number of our special schools who have some dedicated time from a speech and language therapist, all of these services are targeted at individual children, following an assessment by each service. Access is usually via a paediatrician, child development centre or GP and therefore usually prompted by a request from parents/carers rather than directly from a setting or school.

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.**

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 - **0**

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