

Nottinghamshire County Council SEN EHE FOI Response January 2013

1. Could you please tell me:

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

Nottinghamshire County Council is currently the responsible authority for 1,554 children and young people (CYP) with a statement of SEN.

b) the number of home educated children in your authority with a statement of SEN

There are currently four CYP with a statement of SEN who are educated under section 7 (elective home education)

c) the number of home educated children of primary age with a statement of SEN

One of the four CYP is of primary school age

d) the number of home educated children of secondary age with a statement of SEN

Three of the four CYP are of secondary age

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)

None of the four children are classified as having a 'moderate learning difficulty' as their primary need. It is not clear what the term 'banding system' means.

f) the number of statements for home educated children with physical disabilities

None of the four children are classified with a primary need of physical disabilities

g) the number of statements for home educated children with speech, language and communication needs

None of the four children are classified with a primary need of speech, language and communication needs.

h) the number of statements for home educated children with autism spectrum disorders

Three children have a primary need of ASD. One has a classification of Hearing Impaired.

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)

As for e) it is not clear what is meant by a 'banding system'.

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

Of the CYP with a statement who are currently home educated, two have attended special schools at some point previously

k) the number of children with a statement of SEN who started home education during the calendar year 2012

Four CYP with a statement started home education during 2012

l) the number of children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 2 years

Of the CYP with a statement, who are currently home educated, two have attended special school at some point previously.

m) the number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 5 years

None of the CYP with a statement who are currently educated under section 7 have been home educated form 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

There were seven CYP with a statement who ceased to be home educated during 2012 to start attending 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

There is no bar to accessing the above services for home educated CYP, providing they meet the appropriate criteria.

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

SEND Policy and Provision does not have a specific policy relating to CYP who have a statement and who are home educated. The current internal guidance states that if a parent chooses home education, this would be reflected in section 4 and the LA is then relieved of its duties to provide what is in section 3 (in essence, this duty passes to the parent). However, we would seek to amend section 3 so that it were more appropriate to the circumstances (a parent could not provide classroom based support/group work etc.). The LA maintains a duty to review statements (with or without parental consent).

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>)

None