

FOI to Ofsted re Elective Home Education and Child Protection December 2012

I am carrying out research into home education and safeguarding and would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:

I note that the recently published report on Child Protection in Staffordshire says that "children receiving elective home education are well monitored with the council working pro-actively with parents and carers including those from minority ethnic groups"

http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/local_authority_reports/staffordshire/051_inspection%20of%20local%20authority%20arrangements%20for%20the%20protection%20of%20children%20as%20pdf.pdf

Q1: Does Ofsted ask its inspectors to investigate local authority child protection procedures where a child is home educated but has not been identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm from abuse or neglect?

Q2: Does Ofsted issue a checklist for inspectors undertaking a scrutiny of local authority procedures for home education?

Q3: Has Ofsted scrutinised any local authority procedures for home education and safeguarding - in addition to the example of Staffordshire quoted above - between March and December 2012?

References

Publication of Official Statistics January 24th 2013

The December 2012 release of official statistics for outcomes of local authority children's services inspections has been delayed from Thursday 13 December to Thursday 24 January 2013.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/official-statistics-local-authority-childrens-services-inspections-and-outcomes>

Ofsted Framework for Inspection of Children's Services

When Ofsted inspects children's services in a local authority, the inspection will consider key aspects of a child's journey through the child protection system and will focus on the effectiveness of multi-agency arrangements for identifying children who are suffering, or likely to suffer, harm from abuse or neglect, and the effectiveness of the local authority and its partners in protecting these children if the risk remains or intensifies.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/framework-for-inspection-of-local-authority-arrangements-for-protection-of-children>

Local Authority Inspections Between April and July 2012

Between April 2012 and 31 July Ofsted carried out inspections of the following children's services authorities:

Barnsley, Bexley, Bradford, Bury, Croydon, Cumbria, Hackney, Harrow, Lambeth, Milton Keynes, North East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire, North Somerset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire, South Tyneside, Southampton, South Tyneside, Southampton, Southend, Southwark, St Helens, Thurrock, Walsall, Wandsworth, West Berkshire and Wigan.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/statistics//Local%20authority%20children%27s%20services%20inspections%20and%20outcomes%20-%20September%202012.zip>

Many thanks