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Ms F Nicholson

Dear Ms Nicholson

### **Freedom of Information Act Request re Elective Home Education**

Thank you for your request received in this office on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012.

The information requested is:

How many School Attendance Orders has the authority served in the past 12 months? **None**

2/ Does the authority have a named contact within the authority who is familiar with home education policy and practice and who has an understanding of the relevant legislation and a range of educational philosophies? **Yes**

3/ If yes, to question 2/ could you please supply me with details of the named contact? **Cheryl Loughlin/Carolyn Waters**

4/ Does the authority send information to parents through the post? **Yes**

5/ If yes to question 4/ could you please give examples of the type of information which the authority has sent in the past 12 months? **Information about HPV vaccines for pupils for school nurses, Careers information, EHE conference and EHE consultation information**

6/ Does the authority make contact with home educating families on an annual basis in order to seek a meeting or request an updated report? **Yes**

7/ Does the authority offer any support to home educating families? **Yes**

8/ If yes to question 7/ could you please give examples of the type of support offered in the past 12 months? **Advice on resources/materials/websites/careers support services**

9/ In relation to the guidance issued by Estyn in 2010, does the authority provide helpful guidance for parents educating their children at home when requested to do so? **Yes (currently being updated)**

10/ How many children in elective home education residing in your area have a statement of special educational needs? **None**

11/ Does the authority have a formal policy or protocol document regarding children who are educated at home and who have special educational needs, or additional learning needs? **Yes (currently being updated)**

12/ If yes to question 11/ could you please supply me with a copy of the relevant policy/protocol document? **Attached**