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Please ask for: the Information Access Officer

Date: 15 January 2013

My Ref: 837058

Your Ref:

Dear Ms Nicholson,

Freedom of Information Request - Support for Electively Home Educated Children with SEN

Thank you for your request for information dated the 27 December 2012 and received on the 27 December 2012 concerning support for electively home education children with SEN. This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

This letter is a full response to that application. The Council does hold the information that you have requested and the information is attached.

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I hope that we have supplied the information that you expected to receive. If you wish to discuss this letter or the information that is supplied then please contact the Information Access Officer on the direct line telephone number above or by email: FolPeople@plymouth.gov.uk.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, please contact the Information Access Officer requesting a review stating the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely,

Judith Harwood

Assistant Director for Education, Learning & Families

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Freedom of Information Request – 837058
Received – 27/12/2012

- Q1. Could you please tell me:
- a. The total number of children in your authority with a statement of SEN.
 - b. The number of home educated children in your authority with a statement of SEN.
 - c. The number of home educated children of primary age with a statement of SEN.
 - d. The number of home educated children of secondary age with a statement of SEN.
 - 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).
 - f. The number of statements for home educated children with physical disabilities.
 - g. The number of statements for home educated children with speech, language and communication needs.
 - h. The number of statements for home educated children with autism spectrum disorders.
 - 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).
 - j. The number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who formerly attended a special school (if known).
 - k. The number of children with a statement of SEN who started home education during the calendar year 2012 .
 - l. The number of children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 2 years .
 - m. The number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for 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.

A1.

- a. **1385**
- b. **0**
- c. **0**
- d. **0**
- e. **0**
- f. **0**
- g. **0**
- h. **0**
- i. **0**
- j. **0**
- k. **0**
- l. **0**
- m. **0**
- n. **1**

Q2. 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

A2.

- a. **Yes**
- b. **Yes – from the LA service. Health OT provision - unknown.**
- c. **We have searched our records and the information you requested is not held by Plymouth City Council. However, I suggest that you email the NHS Freedom of Information Manager at the following address who might be able to answer your request;**
foidevoncommissioners@nhs.net
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Q3. 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.

A3. No

Q4. 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>)

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