

Portsmouth 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

See <http://www.education.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/SFR/s001075/index.shtml>

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

3

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

2

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)

1

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

3

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

0

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)

1

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

1

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

3

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

1

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

0

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

0

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

Parents can directly request the involvement of a local authority Educational Psychologist, or contract with a private practitioner

The SEN team and the admissions team hold this information required and in answer to qu.2 a, the answer is that home educated pupils do have access to the educational psychology service.

b/occupational therapy services and equipment

Parents can directly request access to this NHS service, or contract with a private practitioner

c/speech and language therapy

Parents can directly request access to this NHS service, or contract with a private practitioner

d/CAMHS

Parents can directly request access to this NHS service, or contract with a private practitioner

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

When any parent / carer gives the local authority notice of electively home educating a child with a statement of special educational needs, the local authority seeks to establish that parent / carer's capacity to make the provision in Part 3 of the statement. In the instance that the parent / carer could not make the provision, the local authority would encourage the parent / carer to carefully consider their choice to electively home educate. Each case is considered individually and the local authority may sometimes support the parent / carer with resources to ensure that Part 3 of the statement is met but only so far in the local authority could continue to meet its duty to make an efficient use of local authority resources.

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>)

Unknown at this time.

Our position on this is that if the requester requires any information you do not hold but we may hold it he/she will need to send the request directly to Solent.

Please feel free to advise the requester that Solent NHS Trust may hold some of the information required and if they would like to contact us our FOI address is FreedomOfInformation@solent.nhs.uk.