

Powys FOI Response October 2012

1/ How many School Attendance Orders has the authority served in the past 12 months?

The Authority has served no School Attendance Orders during the last 12 months.

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?

The Authority has a named contact for Elective Home Education

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

The named contact for Elective Home Education is Mr John Mitson, School Effectiveness Officer, Working With Others, Area 2.

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

The Authority does send information to parents through the post.

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?

If the Authority sends copies of its Elective Home Education pack to parents through the post, the pack comprises the Authority's Elective Home Education Policy Document, its Guidance for Parents, information on Child Protection, information on accessing the School Nursing Service, and a Privacy Notice.

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?

The Authority has commenced the process of making contact with home educating families, on an annual basis, in order to request an updated report. If the report does not provide sufficient information, or there are concerns regarding the education provided, the Authority would seek to arrange a visit or a meeting with the parents.

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

When making contact with parents who are undertaking EHE, the Authority's officers will offer advice on teaching and resources but they do not provide any funding or services for parents who are undertaking Elective Home Education.

8/ If yes to question 7/ could you please give examples of the type of support offered in the past 12 months?

See response to question 7

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?

The Authority provides guidance for parents who are educating their children at home, as part of its EHE pack.

10/ How many children in elective home education residing in your area have a statement of special educational needs?

The number of children in receipt of Elective Home Education in this Authority's area who have statements of special educational needs is 4.

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?

The Authority includes information on children who are in receipt of Elective Home Education and who have special educational needs or Additional Learning Needs in documentation included within its EHE pack. It does not have a separate SEN or ALN protocol.

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

See response to question 11.