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Dear Ms Nicholson

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I write with reference to your recent Freedom of Information request. Please see below a copy of your questions (in Italic) and the respective responses:-

1/Could you please tell me:

a/the total number of children in your authority with a statement of SEN

There were 896 children recorded as stated on the October School Census.

b/the number of home educated children in your authority with a statement of SEN

Nine.

c/the number of home educated children of primary age with a statement of SEN

One.

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

Eight.

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)

0

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



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

Five.

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)

Three.

The remaining child out of the nine educated at home has a statement for specific learning difficulties.

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

Two.

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

One.

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

Three.

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

Two.

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

One.

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

Yes.

b/occupational therapy services and equipment

Yes (universal clinic based services through NHS).

c/speech and language therapy



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Yes (universal clinic based services through NHS).

d/CAMHS

Yes (universal clinic based services through NHS).

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.

We do not have a specific policy; however for all EHE children with statements at point of notification, a review meeting is held, where an SEN Officer will work with professionals to clarify parents are able to make provision in part 3. On-going support is then offered to parents through the Inclusion service and the EHE Co-ordinator for Sefton regarding signposting to any support services parents can access.

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>)

One.

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Yours sincerely

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