

Request for information: 2013010015 – Services / Support for home educated children with SEN and disabilities

Please find the answers to your questions as follows:

- a. the total number of children in your authority with a statement of SEN
1635 (Nov 2012)
 - b. the number of home educated children in your authority with a statement of SEN **6**
 - c. the number of home educated children of primary age with a statement of SEN **0**
 - d. the number of home educated children of secondary age with a statement of SEN
6
 - 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
1
 - g. the number of statements for home educated children with speech, language and communication needs **2**
 - h. the number of statements for home educated children with autism spectrum disorders **3**
 - 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) **0**
 - 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 **2**
 - l. the number of children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 2 years **3**
 - m. the number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 5 years **1**
 - 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 **1**
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 when commissioned by the Local Authority**
 - b. occupational therapy services and equipment **This information is not held by Shropshire Council. The information would be held by the Health Service.**
 - c. speech and language therapy **This information is not held by Shropshire Council. The information would be held by the Health Service.**
 - d. CAMHS **Yes we are aware that HE parents access CAMHs however this level of detail is not held. The information would be held by the Health Service.**
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
Whilst there is no specific policy with regard to provision of services, the Elective Home Education policy has a section in respect of SEN which is in line with DfE guidance. Included is the following if the parents' arrangements are suitable, the Council is relieved of its duty to arrange the provision specified in the statement. If, however, the parents' attempt to educate the child at home results in provision that falls short of meeting the child's needs, then the parents are not making 'suitable arrangements' and the Council could not conclude that they were absolved of their responsibility to arrange the provision in the statement.

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 **0**)