

1/Could you please tell me:

1a. Total number of children with a statement of SEN =	1,022 as at 8.01.13
b. Number EHE with a statement of SEN -	5
c) Number EHE of primary age -	1
d) Number of EHE secondary age -	4
e) Number of those EHE with MLD -	1
f) Number of those EHE with physical disabilities -	0
g) Number of EHE with SLCN -	0
h) Number of EHE with ASC -	1
i) Number with severe and complex difficulties -	3
j) Number of EHE who attended a special school -	1
k) Number of EHE that started in year beginning Jan 12 -	5
l) Number of EHE for more than 2 years -	1
m) Number of EHE for more than 5 years -	1
n) Those who were EHE at the start of 2012 and have returned to school -	3

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
- b/occupational therapy services and equipment
- c/speech and language therapy
- d/CAMHS

If children who are registered for home educated do not have a statement they are not seen by any support service (advisory teachers/educational psychology) except in circumstances where there is a request for statutory assessment and the child is not known to the LA. Where there is a statement there would only be involvement from these support services if there was concern that the arrangements made by the parent were not suitable. Health services may be available to the young person through referral via the GP.

DFE Guidance:

Parents who elect to home educate their children have always taken on the full financial responsibility for their child's education. However, local authorities have the discretion to provide support to enable a home educated young person to attend a further education college or to support a home educated child's special educational needs. It is a matter for the local authority to determine what support to give, but they should be satisfied that the support being provided contributes to the overall education of the child and provides value for money. Where they provide this support they can record the child on the Alternative Provision Census and so receive funding from the Dedicated Schools Grant.

Our [FAQ](#) document provides information on the circumstances in which local authorities can claim funding for children in Elective Home Education.

The FAQs will also be published in the revised [AP Guidance](#) 2012 shortly.

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/parents/involvement/homeeducation/a0073322/funding-for-home-education>

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

3. The policy is as described in paragraph 8.95 of the SEN Code of Practice and no specific policy has been written by Somerset SEN team. In these cases (where the provision is suitable) the LA is relieved of its duty to arrange the provision specified 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 17th<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/parents/involvement/homeeducation/a0073322/funding-for-home-education>)

4. Number of EHE with a statement entered on AP census 0

The above figures include one child who is Elective Home Educated, but not registered. (Parents have a choice whether to register or not).