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Dear Fiona

Information Request

I refer to your Freedom of Information request of 27 December 2012 in relation to home educated children.

Your request was:

I am carrying out research on the availability of services and support for home educated children with SEN and disabilities throughout England in the wake of the Education Committee's recent Report into Support for Home Education which urged local authorities to comply with statutory guidance and to ensure that home-educated young people with SEN or medical conditions are not being discriminated against.
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmeduc/559/559.pdf>

1. Could you please tell me:

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

637, as of 08 January 2013

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

Less than 5

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

Less than 5

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

None

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

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number of home educated children within the relevant statement bands)

None

f. the number of statements for home educated children with physical disabilities

None

g. the number of statements for home educated children with speech, language and communication needs

None

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

None

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)

Les than 5

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

Les than 5

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

Les than 5

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

None

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

None

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

None

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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

c. speech and language therapy

Yes

d. CAMHS

N/A

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 are exploring the use of personal budgets as part of the SEN pathfinder work.

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\)](http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/parents/involvement/homeeducation/a0073322/funding-for-home-education)

Less than 5

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Yours sincerely



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