



South Tyneside Council

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Our Ref: FOI 12 12119

Dear Miss Nicholson

Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your Freedom of Information Request received on 27 December 2012. The Council has undertaken a review of our Freedom of Information systems and it has been brought to my attention you may not have received a response to the information you requested. Although I appreciate your request was from December 2012. I have a duty under the Freedom of Information Act to provide the information and I sincerely apologise for the delay.

Your request asked for the following information:

Your Request

1. Could you please tell me:
 - a. the total number of children in your authority with a statement of SEN
 - b. the number of home educated children in your authority with a statement of SEN
 - c. the number of home educated children of primary age with a statement of SEN
 - d. the number of home educated children of secondary age with a statement of SEN
 - 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)
 - f. the number of statements for home educated children with physical disabilities
 - g. the number of statements for home educated children with speech, language and communication needs
 - h. the number of statements for home educated children with autism spectrum disorders
 - 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)
 - j. the number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who formerly attended a special school (if known)
 - k. the number of children with a statement of SEN who started home education during the calendar year 2012
 - l. the number of children with a statement of SEN who have been home educated for more than 2 years

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

Council's Response

We can confirm the following information with regards your request above.

- 1. Could you please tell me:
 - a. the total number of children in your authority with a statement of SEN
640 children on 17th January 2013 (census day)
 - b. the number of home educated children in your authority with a statement of SEN
None
 - c. the number of home educated children of primary age with a statement of SEN
None
 - 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 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)
None
 - j. the number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who formerly attended a special school (if known)
None
 - k. the number of children with a statement of SEN who started home education during the calendar year 2012
None
 - 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
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
Yes
 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
The council does not have a specific policy for home educated pupils with a statement as the provision of services and support would be provided as part of a personalised tailor-made package for each individual case.
 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).
None

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Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

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The ICO's contact details are as follows: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF. More information can be found on the ICO's website at www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk.

If you have any further queries about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us on (0191) 424 6539, or by emailing foi@southtyneside.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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