

Staffordshire EHE SEN FOI Response February 2013		
A	the total number of children in your authority with a statement of SEN	3,477 as at January 2012 – SEN2 Return
B	the number of home educated children in your authority with a statement of SEN	10
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	10
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)	MLD = 1 ASD = 4 BESD = 3 SLD = 1 SPLD = 1
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	1
H	the number of statements for home educated children with autism spectrum disorders	4
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)	1
J	the number of home educated children with a statement of SEN who formerly attended a special school (if known)	5
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	0

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	4
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	No although this is to be reviewed
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	<p>The SEN Code of Practice recognises that children with statements of SEN may be educated otherwise than at school because their parents have made suitable arrangements of their own. However, it remains the duty of the Local Authority to ensure that the child's needs are met. The statement must remain in force and the LA must ensure that the parents can make suitable provision, including provision for the child's special educational needs. Even if the LA is satisfied, it remains under a duty to maintain the child's statement and review it annually. In such situations, the LA is not required to name a school in Part 4 of the statement and instead may name a type of school, adding that 'parents have made their own arrangements under Section 7 of the Education Act 1996'.</p> <p>Where the parent of a Staffordshire child with a statement of SEN determines that they will make their own arrangements for the child's education, we do not make the provision specified in the statement. However, we continue to monitor the education of the child to ensure that the child's needs are being met. Our Elective Home Education team will make an annual visit and their representative either attends the annual review meeting or, if this</p>

		is not possible, provides a report for the annual review.
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/involve/ment/homeeducation/a0073322/funding-for-home-education)	Not in a position to respond as currently collating data and deadline date of AP Census submission is 8 th March 2013