

## **Sunderland EHE Spend FOI Response February 2013**

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your request for information concerning home education. Please find our response detailed below.

#### **Request**

Please could you tell me the amount spent on home education services for the academic year 2011-12? I would be grateful if you could itemise staff costs, administrative / secretarial support costs, and also the total spend on provision of services for home educated children and young people.

#### **Response**

As broadly anticipated in my email of January 9<sup>th</sup> 2013, regrettably the Council will still not be able to provide this information.

For the purposes of our financial recording, expenditure on home education is grouped with expenditure on education in hospital settings, so to split down into purely home education would require a major manual analysis of individual invoices across 2011/12. Although our recording system works to a financial year, the scale of the analysis required means any preference for academic or financial year becomes redundant, and such an analysis would be required just to provide a total annual figure for education purely in a home setting, without considering the detailed breakdown on staffing and/r administrative costs that you are seeking.

We estimate that such an analysis would substantially exceed the £450 (2½ working days) limit proscribed by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, the Council is not obliged to comply with your request.