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Dear Ms Nicholson,

RE: YOUR REQUEST 08591 UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Thank you for your request for information, which was received on the 27 December 2012. Please find our response below.

Local authorities are required under section 251 of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 to prepare and submit annually to the Secretary of State separate budget and outturn statements about their planned and actual expenditure for their education and children's social care functions.

In its Report on Home Education Support, published in December 2012, the Education Committee stated that it is inappropriate for home education officers to be located in attendance, looked after children or safeguarding. Instead, the Committee felt that local authority officers dealing with home education ought to be situated within a dedicated team or sit within a neutral location such as learning or library services.(Paragraph 28)
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmeduc/559/55909.htm>

Please could you tell me:

1/where home education currently sits in your authority

Elective Home Education is part of the S&L Area Education Service and is hosted by the SW Area Education Officer

2/which line in the s251 table includes an allocation for home education services within the "other education and community budget" for example Education Welfare, School Improvement, Parent Partnership or Other

Line 1.3.3 (education out of school)

3/the forward budget sum allocated to home education service and support

Current Year Budgets (Projected Costs)	
Staffing (1 x Senior EHE Advisor)	£49,852.00
EHE Assistant	£22,774.00
Additional Staff (Sessional Visits)	£8,897.00
Telecoms Costs	£738.00
Travel Costs	£3,380.00
	£85,641.00

We supply this information based on your original request. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address if you have any queries regarding the information enclosed. Remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request for information and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, in the first instance you should contact the County Council, quoting your request number given above, at:

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If you are not satisfied by the County Council's response to your complaint, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner will normally expect you to have exhausted our complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

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