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Dear Ms Nicholson,

RE: YOUR REQUEST 08590 UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

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

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

5370

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

32

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

9

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

24

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)

Number of Children with Statements of SEN in Parental Provision – December 2012. Data Source – EMS (ONE)

<u>Primary Need</u>	<u>Number of Children</u>
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	8
Moderate Learning Difficulty	10
Physical Disability	Less than 5
Speech, Lang. or Comm. Diff.	Less than 5
Severe Learning Difficulty	Less than 5
Beh, Emotional and Social Diff.	Less than 5
Other Difficulty/Disability	Less than 5
Spl. Learning Diff.(Dyslexia)	Less than 5

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

Number of Children with Statements of SEN in Parental Provision – December 2012. Data Source – EMS (ONE)

<u>Primary Need</u>	<u>Number of Children</u>
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	8
Moderate Learning Difficulty	10
Physical Disability	Less than 5
Speech, Lang. or Comm. Diff.	Less than 5
Severe Learning Difficulty	Less than 5
Beh, Emotional and Social Diff.	Less than 5
Other Difficulty/Disability	Less than 5
Spl. Learning Diff.(Dyslexia)	Less than 5

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

Number of Children with Statements of SEN in Parental Provision – December 2012. Data Source – EMS (ONE)

<u>Primary Need</u>	<u>Number of Children</u>
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	8
Moderate Learning Difficulty	10

Physical Disability	Less than 5
Speech, Lang. or Comm. Diff.	Less than 5
Severe Learning Difficulty	Less than 5
Beh, Emotional and Social Diff.	Less than 5
Other Difficulty/Disability	Less than 5
Spl. Learning Diff.(Dyslexia)	Less than 5

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

Number of Children with Statements of SEN in Parental Provision – December 2012. Data Source – EMS (ONE)

<u>Primary Need</u>	<u>Number of Children</u>
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	8
Moderate Learning Difficulty	10
Physical Disability	Less than 5
Speech, Lang. or Comm. Diff.	Less than 5
Severe Learning Difficulty	Less than 5
Beh, Emotional and Social Diff.	Less than 5
Other Difficulty/Disability	Less than 5
Spl. Learning Diff.(Dyslexia)	Less than 5

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)

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Autistic Spectrum Disorder	8
Moderate Learning Difficulty	10
Physical Disability	Less than 5
Speech, Lang. or Comm. Diff.	Less than 5
Severe Learning Difficulty	Less than 5
Beh, Emotional and Social Diff.	Less than 5
Other Difficulty/Disability	Less than 5
Spl. Learning Diff.(Dyslexia)	Less than 5

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

10

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

23

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

12

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

Less than 5

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

8

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

Home elective educated children are able to access this service and each case is dealt with individually

b/occupational therapy services and equipment

Home elective educated children are able to access this service and each case is dealt with individually

c/speech and language therapy

Home elective educated children are able to access this service and each case is dealt with individually

d/CAMHS

Home elective educated children are able to access this service and each case is dealt with individually

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

Please find the attached policy

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>)

This figure is not available at present

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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