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Dear Ms Nicholson

Freedom of Information Request Unique Reference No: FOI 1340

Thank you for your email received 2 January 2013 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act. I understand your request to be as follows:

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<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/parents/involvement/homeeducation/a0073322/funding-for-home-education>

I am pleased to advise that the Council can provide the information that you have requested. The information you requested is as follows:

1.a 697

b. 1

c. 1

d. 0

e. 1

f. 0

g. 0

h. 0

i. 0

j. 0

k. 1

l. 0

m. 0

n. 1

2.a. no

b. yes

c. yes

d. yes

3. No

4. None

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint, or request a review of the Council's decision, please write to Sandra J Stewart, Borough Solicitor, at Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Wellington Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, Tameside OL6 6DL

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Yours sincerely

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