

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator, Civic Offices, New Road, Grays Thurrock, Essex RM17 6SL.

Date: 21 January 2013

Ms Fiona Nicholson Edyourself.org

Dear Ms Nicholson

Re: Freedom of Information request number 3254

Thank you for your request for the following information:

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.

The information below has been supplied in response to your request for the above mentioned information. We hope the information supplied satisfies your original request.

Thurrock spent £25,600 on support for parents to provide guidance on the requirements of home education and to ensure parents are providing a suitable education. The majority of this was on staffing costs and includes initial advice to parents as well as ongoing support.

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Yours faithfully,

## Linda Dutton

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