

Date: 17 January 2013

Ms Fiona Nicholson
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Dear Ms Nicholson

Re: Freedom of Information request number 3250

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request, the information below has been supplied in response. Unfortunately we are unable to provide all the information you have requested as an absolute exemption applies.

The absolute exemption is as follows:

Section 40 (2) - Personal Information

Some of the information you have asked for is personal data about third party individuals. There are low figures reported for home educated children with SEN in some categories. We believe it could be possible for individuals to be identified. It is therefore subject to the provisions of the Data Protection Act (1998). Information can be withheld if its disclosure would be likely to breach one or more of the Principles of the Data Protection Act. There is no prior expectation on the part of these individuals that their information would be published into the wider public domain under FOI. A disclosure made under FOI constitutes a publication to the world at large. We believe that to disclose this would be likely to breach the first Principle of the Data Protection Act by unfairly contravening their right to privacy and confidentiality.

However, in the interests of transparency we are able to present the information to you categorised as 'fewer than 5' in each scenario to give you an indication of the figures.

1/Could you please tell me:

a/the total number of children in your authority with a statement of SEN
972

b/the number of home educated children in your authority with a statement of SEN
Fewer than 5

c/the number of home educated children of primary age with a statement of SEN
Fewer than 5

d/the number of home educated children of secondary age with a statement of SEN
Fewer than 5

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)

Fewer than 5

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

0

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

0

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

0

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)

0

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

0

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

Fewer than 5

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

Fewer than 5

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

0

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

0

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

Home educated pupils with SEN have access to Educational Psychology Service. Children may access as a result of their needs the medical services in the same way the wider group of children within the community would access these services.

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

No

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>

We anticipate there will be fewer than 5

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Yours faithfully,

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