

Walsall SEN EHE FOI January 2013

1/Could you please tell me:

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

Response: 1313

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

Response: 3

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

Response: 0

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

Response: 3

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)

Response: 1

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

Response: 1 – same child as in (e) above

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

Response: 0

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

Response: 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)

Response: 0

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

Response: 1

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

Response: 3

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

Response: 0

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

Response: 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

Response: 2

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

Response: Yes, if appropriate and required.

b/occupational therapy services and equipment

Response: Yes, if appropriate and required .

c/speech and language therapy

Response: Yes, if appropriate and required.

d/CAMHS

Response: Yes, if appropriate and required.

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

Response: There is an EHE Policy which in section 5 sets out parental and LA responsibilities for home educated children with a statement of SEN. This follows the procedures as set out in the SEN Code of Practice. The policy makes it clear that the LA will continue to review the statement of SEN. When a parent indicates EHE we meet with parents with the Specialist Home Education Officer to ensure the plan for education the parents have in place will meet the needs of the child. We then monitor and discuss annually, all decisions are made on an individual basis.

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>)

Response: 3