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Ref: **2012-0807**  
Date: 25/01/2013

**RE: 2012-807**

Dear Ms Nicholson,

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('FOIA').

The wording of your request was as follows:

**Local authorities are required under section 251 of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 to prepare and submit annually to the Secretary of State separate budget and outturn statements about their planned and actual expenditure for their education and children's social care functions.**

**In its Report on Home Education Support, published in December 2012, the Education Committee stated that it is inappropriate for home education officers to be located in attendance, looked after children or safeguarding. Instead, the Committee felt that local authority officers dealing with home education ought to be situated within a dedicated team or sit within a neutral location such as learning or library services.(Paragraph 28)**

**<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmeduc/559/55909.htm>**

Please could you tell me:

- 1/where home education currently sits in your authority**
- 2/which line in the s251 table includes an allocation for home education services within the "other education and community budget" for example Education Welfare, School Improvement, Parent Partnership or Other**
- 3/the forward budget sum allocated to home education service and support**



## Response

1/where home education currently sits in your authority

**Answer: Education Welfare Service - Troubled Families**

2/which line in the s251 table includes an allocation for home education services within the "other education and community budget" for example Education Welfare, School Improvement, Parent Partnership or Other

**Answer: Line 2.0.9**

3/the forward budget sum allocated to home education service and support

**Answer: £23,200**

I trust that the above satisfies your enquiry. If you have any queries about this letter, please contact as below. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications:

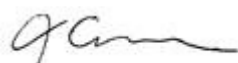
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If after receiving a response to the review, you remain dissatisfied with the Council's response, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. Further information can be obtained via the Information Commissioner's helpline 0303 123 1113 or their website at: [http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints/freedom\\_of\\_information.aspx](http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints/freedom_of_information.aspx)

Yours sincerely

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