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Ref: **2012-0806**
Date: 29th January 2013

Dear Ms Nicholson

RE: Support for Home Educated Children with Statement SEN

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('FOIA'), which we received on **27th December 2012**.

The wording of your request was as follows:

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

Response

As at last SEN2 census 1410

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

Response

6

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

Response

3

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

0

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

3

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

2



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

Response

2

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

Response

1

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

Response

4

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

1

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

b/occupational therapy services and equipment

Response

Yes

c/speech and language therapy

Response

Yes

d/CAMHS =

Response

Yes

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

Not included in the Home Education Policy but see our webpages:

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/pages/services/schools-home-schooling

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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Yours sincerely



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