

Wiltshire SEN FOI Response January 2013

1/Could you please tell me:

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

Response: 1828

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: 0

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: 0

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

Response: 0

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

Response: 2

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

Response: 1

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: 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

Response: They would not have routine access. However, if the child or young person is particularly vulnerable then home visits can be arranged, usually with an EWO.

b/occupational therapy services and equipment

Response: Yes as part of the health service; these children would have access to all OT services as well as physio services depending on their functional issues.

c/speech and language therapy

Response: Children that are home educated have access to SLT as deemed appropriate by the professional as is the case with all children. The children may be seen at home or in the clinic. Advice and intervention strategies will be provided to the parents.

d/CAMHS

Response: Yes as part of the health service, as deemed appropriate by the professional.

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: In Wiltshire we follow the SEN Code of Practice and consider each case on its merits. When an

application (via the annual review process) for home education is received it is treated as parental preference, we are looking for evidence from the parents showing how they propose to ensure that the needs of their child are going to be met. We do not require parents to deliver everything in part 3 because for obvious reasons they do not follow the National Curriculum. We do ensure robust monitoring which is normally carried out between the EWS and EP service via the annual review process.

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: None