

Wolverhampton SEN EHE FOI Response January 2013

1. Could you please tell me:

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

1492

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

3

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

0

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

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)

0

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

1

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)

1 PMLD (Profound Multiple Learning Disability)

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

2

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

3

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

1

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

None

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

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

Yes, via our MAST system – Multi Agency Support Teams are accessible to all families according, in the case of home educated young people, by residential address.

They are also able to access support from other members of the MAST including Education Welfare staff, Behaviour and Mental Health Support staff, Parental Support Advisors, Youth Service staff and Social Care.

b. occupational therapy services and equipment

Yes. This is assessed on a case by case basis – home visits may be made if the young person’s needs dictate this to be the most appropriate course of action but it may mean that the parents need to transport the young person to a clinic or other base. Should there be a need for this service however, it is available.

c. speech and language therapy

Yes. Referral would be made by a professional group who could be accessed by the parent, such as the GP or MAST staff as outlined above

d. CAMHS

Yes. Referrals can be made by a GP or by a member of a MAST team both of which may be accessed directly by parents of all young people

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 specific policy. We do however adhere to the SEN Code of Practice when supporting Home Education, providing services as required by the statement and the pupil’s needs.

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 17

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/parents/involvement/homeeducation/a0073322/funding-for-home-education>)

Two to provide specific AP and additional support materials/visits as requested by the parents.