

NCC-032593-18 - Statistics relating to Home Education and At Risk children

i) **Subject to a Child Protection Plan** - the number of children in this category who were removed from state education to be educated at home in the five years to December 2017

By definition, the removal of a child on a Child Protection Plan from school to be home educated during this period would not have been agreed by Nottinghamshire County Council on safeguarding grounds.

or

ii) **In Need, subject to a CIN plan** - the number of children removed from state education to be educated at home in the five years to December 2017, who were subsequently placed in this category

Although there are significant numbers of vulnerable EHE children who were subsequently placed in this category, we are unable to provide definitive numbers at this time.

This is because such information would need to be obtained manually from the records held of children either currently, or formerly, EHE during the period 2012-2017. These are held by the council in c. 3,000 electronic case files. Each file consists of a minimum of 25 documents which consist of email correspondence, scanned letters, reports and school summary sheets. Each document would need to be reviewed manually, because there is no other way of reviewing and collating this information. It would take approximately 10 minutes to extract the information from each case file. Therefore, $3000 \times 25 \times 10 \text{ minutes} = 750,000$ minutes which would total over 66 hours of investigative work.

iii) **At risk of criminal behaviour**, such as for instance child sexual exploitation, or physical child abuse of any kind –

The number of children removed from state education to be educated at home in the five years to December 2017, who were subsequently placed in this category - i.e. at risk due to the criminal behaviour of others – would be included in those who became subject to either a Child Protection Plan (CPP) or were given Child In Need (CIN) status by Children's Social Care (CSC or 'Social Services').

However, there are also significant but indeterminate numbers of vulnerable EHE children for whom the 'risk of criminal behaviour' resulted in referral to and assessment by CSC and who were not subject to a CPP or CIN status. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide definitive numbers of this group at this time.

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The number of children who, in the five years to December 2017, were subject to a School Attendance Order because the education they were receiving was deemed unsuitable.

None in each year from 2012/13 to 2016/17. In 2017-18, one was issued.

Dear Requester,

Further to your recent request for information and the clarity below:

Again please accept our sincere apologise for the delay in this response, but hope this now resolves your request.

Fol request asked for:

- * The number of children already "at risk" who were removed from state education to be educated at home in the five years to December 2017
- * The number of children removed from state education to be educated at home in the five years to December 2017, who were subsequently deemed "at risk" or who came to the attention of Social Services in relation to risk
- * The number of children who, in the five years to December 2017, were subject to a School Attendance Order because the education they were receiving was deemed unsuitable

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Kind Regards