

Thank you for your recent Freedom of information request for the following information:

In the second reading of the Home Education bill in the House of Lords. <https://goo.gl/kBXzgJ>

Lord Soley stated:

"I have had help from across the board, but two of the councils that have been most helpful to me on this are Hampshire and Kent. They have given me information that I hope that the Government will see in due course."

Please provide a copy of all communications (if any) specific to the Home Education bill from or to your local authority between 2016 - 2017. This includes, but is not limited to; Lord Soley, the House of Lords, other local authorities and MPs.

Our response

Nottinghamshire County Council can confirm that our Elective Home Education team has not been involved in any 'communications specific to the Home Education bill from or to other local authorities between 2016 – 2017, ' except for the following, with links to news items on this issue which was sent on 27 November to Staffordshire Local authority.:

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To: 'Elective Home Education' <[electivehomeeducation@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:electivehomeeducation@staffordshire.gov.uk)>

Cc: ehe <[EHE@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:EHE@nottsc.gov.uk)>

Subject: RE: Midlands EHE Forum - 24 November, 2017 - things that emerged

1) Link to Hansard for Friday's debate [https://hansard.parliament.uk/Lords/2017-11-24/debates/141D7347-083E-4EAF-9927-AD5283998B76/HomeEducation\(DutyOfLocalAuthorities\)Bill\(HL\)](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Lords/2017-11-24/debates/141D7347-083E-4EAF-9927-AD5283998B76/HomeEducation(DutyOfLocalAuthorities)Bill(HL)) which I think all EHE bods will find interesting to read as it tells who said what and indicates that there were more people in support of the bill than again. Maybe our colleagues would like this forwarded?

2) As a result of the DfE's input to the debate through The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Lord Agnew of Oulton's contribution, we had this in the TES on Friday:

a. 'DfE promises crackdown on home schooling', TES 24.11.17, <https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/df-promises-crackdown-home-schooling>

b. and this in two dailies today,  
New guidance for home schoolers

"Parents are to be given clear advice on their responsibilities if they choose to educate a child at home. New guidance from the Government will also set out the action councils can take if they believe a child is not being educated properly or is at risk. Earlier this week, the head of education at Birmingham City Council, Colin Diamond, said he was worried about unregulated spaces outside school, including home-schooling. Mr Diamond said more than 1, 000 Birmingham children were now being home schooled, the numbers were rising, and the council was working more closely with "elective home education communities" than it was a year ago.

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c. while the BBC chipped in this morning with evidence of the growing number of children withdrawn from school due to inadequate provision for their SEN, 'Horrendous meltdowns: Why I home-educate my daughter' <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-42103248>

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With kind regards

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