

19 March 2018

Request for Information: Ref NCC-029786-17
Elective home education

Thank you for your request for information relating to elective home education. I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

A) I would like to know which department within the local authority deals with elective home education? **The Children and Families Department**

1) I would like to know who is currently employed in this team, and who the team leader is. **The Group Manager is Linda Foster of Support to Schools Service. The EHE team is composed of one EHE Programme Manager, 2.5 support staff and 13 EHE Advisers**

2) I would like to know who they report to. **Group Manager Linda Foster**

3) What form of contact they use with families the first time they contact them. **The EHE team writes to a family once they are aware that the parents/carers wish to home educate**

4) Please supply copies of policies and procedures used for elective home education, for staff use or supplied to Home educators. **We have attached the following:**

i) Elective Home Education in Nottinghamshire: Guidance notes for Parents/Carers

(ii) NCC Policy for Elective Home Education

(iii) Elective Home Education (EHE) Procedure

B) Has the LA made the team dealing with elective home education aware that there is no requirement to investigate a case or for the LA to seek to satisfy itself that a suitable education is being provided when they know the reason why a child has ceased to attend school? The specified reason being, parents have given legal notification to a school that they are educating otherwise than at school. **Yes, the EHE team is aware of this non-requirement.**

C) I would like to know how many children are currently known as being electively home educated in the local authority. **On 6th February 2018, there were 619 children registered as EHE in Nottinghamshire**

D) How many pupils have been de-registered from school to be electively home educated?
Please provide numbers for: July 2015, July 2016 and July 2017. Please categorise these into:

- Children with no known SEN
- Children with SEN (with and without EHCPs).
- Children de-registered from special schools
- Children with care plans (break down into CIN, CPP and EHCP).
- Children under services such as; CAHMS

We can provide figures for the 1st September for children registered as EHE:

<u>1st Sept. 2015</u>	<u>1st Sept. 2016</u>	<u>1st Sept.2017</u>	
445	434	517	
	No figures available No figures available		Children with no known SEN Children with SEN (with and without EHCPs)
None	none	none	Children de-registered from special schools
2	0	2	CIN Children with care plans (break down into CIN, CPP and EHCP).
5	0	2	CPP
8 (Apr. 2016)	n/a No figures available	25	EHCP Children under services such as; CAHMS

We hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the contact details below. In addition and for future reference Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publish previous FOIRs and answers on our website, under Disclosure logs, available at the following link:

<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

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