

Ms Berlow
By Email –
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Your ref:
Our ref: App09
Date: 15/09/2009

Dear Ms Berlow

Thank you for your email dated 4 September 2009 requesting a review of a response made by Central Bedfordshire Council. This request was received by Central Bedfordshire Council on the 4 September 2009 and requested the following:

“I have just... read your response and notice that there are missing answers. I asked how many children in the EHE population are there where there are concerns about the suitability of the educational provision-i.e. the LA considers the education to be unsatisfactory. I also asked for the information to be broken down into reasons why the education is considered unsatisfactory if there are any cases. Please respond to these questions.”

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act I will carry out review of Central Bedfordshire Council's response to your original request for information, which you referenced in your email of 4 September 2009 (our reference 276-2009 Berlow) in which you requested the following:

“I read that you currently have children registered as Electively Home Educated. Therefore for the purposes of this FOI request, these children are either de-registered from a school or have never been registered with a school.

A) I would like to know of these children how many are there where the visiting person has concerns that a 'suitable' education is being provided?

B) I would also appreciate it if this information could be broken down into categories: 1)whether they feel that no education is taking place? 2)whether they feel that the philosophy of education is inadequate -for example in the case of autonomous or child led learning , that particular child is not appearing to be learning 'enough'? 3)whether there are concerns because the family have not implemented a structured approach? 4)or whether the fact that the national Curriculum is not being followed is causing concern?

- C) If there are children in the above 4 categories , please indicate if further steps are being taken- for example , issuance of a School Attendance Order?**
- D) Please also indicate if any any Education Supervision Orders are currently in court for this population.?**
- E) Please can you confirm whether any children who fit into the above categories of concern about 'educational provision suitability' would also therefore be referred to Social Services?**
- F) Lastly is it possible in your Local Authority that Social Services are involved with a family but that The EHE department do not know of this involvement (This involvement would be on an on-going basis rather than a one off referral which is found to be of no genuine concern)."**

Your request is being considered through our review process and you will be notified of the result of this review within 20 working days.

The information will be provided in English, normal font size. If you require alternative formats, e.g. other language, audio, large print, etc. please notify us. Should you be unhappy with the outcome of this review, you should make a written appeal to the information Commissioner's Office at:

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