

Independent Review of Home Education

Rationale

Vulnerable children who are being home educated may pose an increased concern in terms of their safety, wellbeing and education. The independent review is seeking specific evidence on:

- i) the **prevalence** of 'vulnerable' children in your current EHE caseload;
- ii) the **type** of vulnerability you have encountered in the past and / or are experiencing currently.

Your **views** as to what measures could be taken to improve the safety, wellbeing and education of these children are also sought.

In relation to (i) above:

1. What proportion of your current EHE caseload is known to Social Care in the following capacities? Please include open and closed cases.

Type	Number	% of caseload
Section 17 enquiry ¹ 8		5.2
Section 47 enquiry ² 4		2.6
Section 37 (care orders)		
Children who are or have been subject to child protection plan (or previously on the child protection register)	4	2.6
Other (please specify)		
Total number of children 12		7.7

2. What proportion of your current caseload do you estimate have safeguarding implications?

	Number	% of caseload
Total number of children		
Parent with mental health issues	3	1.9
Child with mental health issues	1	0.65
Parent with substance misuse issues		
Domestic violence	3	1.9
Child abuse or neglect (current or previous)	1	0.65
Other family circumstances		
Concerns but cannot determine due to	1	0.65

¹ **Do not** include children who are disabled where there is no concern about parenting or quality of EHE.

² **Do not** include cases that did not lead to further action.

Additional information

4. In your estimation, what proportion of your current caseload is not receiving any education? **6**

5. In your estimation, what proportion are home educating to avoid prosecution for attendance issues? **3**

6. What proportion of EHE youngsters became NEET (please use the latest data you have available and note the timeframe in your response).

Not Known

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