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Dear S Tyler

Freedom of Information (FOI) Request – Reference 2009/2870 – and Internal Review

I am writing to offer once again my most sincere apologies for the errors made in responding to your original request for information (FOI Reference 2009/2870) and in my subsequent response of 21st December 2009 to your further correspondence.

I believe it is important that the Council should make you aware, in summary, of the reasons for these errors, as evidence that we have undertaken a further review. As you know, the initial request (2009/2870) was incorrectly interpreted as referring to the original Badman consultation. This arose due to confusion between two officers, one of whom was not familiar with the Badman report process and the on-going nature of the consultation. Unfortunately, the Council's normal checking procedures to ensure a prompt and accurate response were not followed, with the result that the response was not checked by an Assistant Director, who would have spotted the error. Similar errors occurred during the subsequent response to your request for an internal review, with the result that the correct officers were not fully consulted.

As a result of this review, the Children's Services department has amended its procedures for dealing with Freedom of Information requests to ensure that there is earlier and more comprehensive checking of initial responses and of any subsequent requests for information by senior officers.

I attach the information that the Council supplied in response to Graham Badman's call on 17 September 2009 for further evidence regarding the Report into Home Education. I hope this meets your needs and wish to assure you that the Council takes its duties under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 very seriously.

If you are not content with the outcome of this further review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

www.wandsworth.gov.uk

Chief Executive and Director of Administration: Gerald Jones
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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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If you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Information management team on foi@wandsworth.gov.uk .

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerald Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

Gerald Jones
Chief Executive and Director of Administration

REVIEW OF ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION IN ENGLAND - SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

PLEASE IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF HOME EDUCATED CHILDREN WHO CURRENTLY FALL INTO THE BELOW CATEGORIES AND RETURN TO LISA WHITE VIA THE
[x@xxx](mailto:lisa.white@xxx) MAILBOX BY COP 1 OCTOBER 2009

*** PLEASE INDICATE FOR EACH DATA ITEM IF THESE FIGURES ARE ACTUALS OR BASED ON ESTIMATES**

Table 1: CPR3 Category (Referrals, Assessments and Children and Young People who are the subject of a Child Protection Plan, England)

Table 2: Inadequate Education (the number of electively home educated children of compulsory school age not receiving a suitable education)

Table 3: School Attendance Orders (the number of SAOs issued in the past 12 months to electively home educated children)

Table 4: NEETS (figures for the 2008 leavers cohort who were home educated)

Table 5: Missing Children (information about missing children that identifies their last known education setting, total number that were electively home educated)

Table 1: CPR3 Category (Referrals, Assessments and Children and Young People who are the subject of a Child Protection Plan, England)

| LA Name | | |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
| CPR3 Category | Number of EHE Children | Actual/Estimate (A or E) |
| Number of home educated children in your authority of statutory school age who were the subject of a child protection plan at 31 March 2009 | | 0 A |
| Total population of EHE children in your local authority | 47 known to LA | |

Table 2: Inadequate Education (the number of electively home educated children of compulsory school age not receiving a suitable education)

| Category | Number of EHE Children | Actual/Estimate (A or E) |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Number not receiving any education | | 2 |
| Number receiving some education but not a full time education | none known | |
| Number receiving a full time but not 'suitable' education | | 4 |
| Number not cooperating with monitoring so no assessment can be made | | 3 |
| Not yet assessed | | 3 |
| Total number of EHE children not known to be receiving a 'suitable' education | | 12 |

Table 3: School Attendance Orders (the number of SAOs issued in the past 12 months to electively home educated children)

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| SAOs | Number Issued | 0 | Additional Comments - wherever possible we negotiate with |
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Table 4: NEETS (figures for the 2008 leavers cohort who were home educated)

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| NEETs | Number of NEET home educated leavers | n/k | Additional Comments: all Y11 EHE pupils are sent info re CNXS service |
| | Total no of home educated leavers | 5 in June 09 | |
| | Percentage of NEETS in whole population | | |

Table 5: Missing Children (runaways)

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| Missing Children | Number of children who were EHE prior to their disappearance | not aware of any on the current list who have gone missing | Additional Comments: not sure what period the more general question (total number) relates to so not possible to |
| | Total number of missing children | | |