

# Freedom of Information Request Response

<b>Requester Name</b>	J Carter
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<b>Name of Request</b>	Educational Concerns
<b>Reference</b>	180213

A) Can you please categorise how those known to the team dealing with elective home education became known? E.g. School, Doctor, self-referral, concerns about the educational provision reported etc.

**Of the children currently on the EHE register 78% were from schools, 14% were on EHE before moving to Blackpool and 8% have never been on roll therefore they are self-referrals.**

i) Does the local authority seek to satisfy itself that the educational provision the parent(s) are providing is suitable to the child's age, aptitude, ability and any SEN as soon as they become aware that parents are electively home educating, regardless of how they become known to the local authority?

**Yes**

ii) How many instances have there been in the years (from January 1st to December 31st) 2015, 2016, 2017 and to the date of this FOI where the person dealing with elective home education has or has had concerns that a 'suitable' education is not being provided?

**2015: 1**

**2016: 4**

**2017: 8**

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 the 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?
- 5) a qualified third party is not involved in the child's education?
- 6) An educational report has not been provided by a third party such as; a teacher etc.

**Information not held**

C) I would like to know of these children, how many of these concerns were proven?

**Information not held**

i) Of the children in the above 4 categories, please indicate if further steps have or are being taken - for example, referred to CME or issued with a School Attendance Order. Please break it down into each year asked for.

**We would follow National Guidance should this be necessary.**

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ii) Please indicate how many of these went to court in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

**None**

iii) Please also indicate if any Education Supervision Orders are currently in court for this population?

**None**

Finally, please provide all recorded documentation relating to elective home education including policies, procedures (2013 - present) and recorded communications relating to elective home education (2016 - present), including any e-mail attachments. This does not include communications between the Elective Home Education team and electively home educating parents.

**Please see attached documentation.**