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Please ask for: the Information Access Officer

Date: 15 August 2018

My Ref: 901991

Your Ref:

Dear N Marlow

Freedom of Information Request – Elective Home Education

I am writing regarding your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, dated 6 August 2018. I am pleased to tell you that we do hold the information you have requested and I attach our response.

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<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/aboutcouncil/accessinformation/freedominformationfoi>

Yours sincerely,

Judith Harwood
Service Director
Education, Participation and Skills

Has the local authority outsourced all or any part of its duties and responsibilities in relation to Elective Home Education to third party organisations in the years (from 1st January to 31st December) 2016, 2017 and to the date of this FOI? Please specify in which years EHE services have been/are outsourced.

If yes, please answer the following:

Q1. Which roles and responsibilities were or are currently outsourced?

A1. Home Education advisory visits and EHE monitoring

Q2. Which third party organisation/s held or currently hold contracts with the local authority?

A2. ACE Schools (Alternative Complementary Education)

Q3. When do the existing contract/s expire?

A3. March 2019

Q4. How much has the local authority paid for these services for each year specified?

A4. £75,000

Please provide copies of any information, instructions, directives etc. supplied by the local authority to any outsourced organisation in support of fulfilling their roles/responsibilities as contracted, redacted if required as per s40.