

Freedom of Information Request Response

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| Requester Name | Katherine Norman |
| Date Requested | 01.02.2018 |
| Date Responded | 28.02.2018 |
| Name of Request | Elective Home Education |
| Reference | 180103 |

I am submitting this freedom of information request to find out the following information regarding elective home education. When I refer to 'children', I mean they are either de-registered from a school or have never been registered with a school. Please provide copies of all available documents, research and paperwork.

A) I would like to know which department within Blackpool Borough Council local authority deals with elective home education?

School Admissions, Children's Services.

1) I would like to know who is currently employed in this team, and who the team leader is.

**Team Leader – Head of Admissions
Strategic Lead for EHE
Education Access Officer
Administrator**

2) I would like to know who they report to.

**Head of Admissions and Strategic Lead for EHE report to the Head of Business Support and Resources
(Children's and Adult Services)
The Education Access Officer reports to the Head of Admissions
The Administrator reports to the Education Access Officer**

3) What form of contact they use with families the first time they contact them.

Mainly by telephone in the first instance, but also possibly by letter or email.

i) Please supply copies of policies and procedures used for elective home education, for staff use or supplied to Home educators.

See attached document – Information for Parents

B) Has the LA made the team dealing with elective home education aware that there is no requirement to investigate a case or for the LA to seek to satisfy itself that a suitable education is being provided when they know the reason why a child has ceased to attend school? The specified reason being, parents have given legal notification to a school that they are educating otherwise than at school.

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C) I would like to know how many children are currently known as being electively home educated in '.....' local authority.

As at 19.02.2018 there are 208 children electively home educated in Blackpool Borough Council.

D) How many pupils have been de-registered from school to be electively home educated?
Please provide numbers for: July 2015, July 2016 and July 2017. Please categorise these into:

- Children with no known SEN
- Children with SEN
- Children de-registered from special schools
- Children with care plans
- Children under services such as; CAHMS

| | July 2015 | July 2016 | July 2017 |
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| No. of children with no SEN | 87 | 110 | 140 |
| No. of children with SEN | 11 | 16 | 21 |
| No. of children deregistered from special school | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Children with a care plan | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Children under services | 1 (PWS) | 4 (2 x PWS & 2 x FIN) | 14 (9 x PWS, 4 x FIN & 1 x CAMHs) |

PWS = Pupil Welfare Service

FIN = Families In Need

CAMHs = Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service