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Dear Ms Norman

RE: INFORMATION REQUEST CRM REF: iw18/2/6221

Thank you for your information request dated 7th February. Please find our response below.

- A) I would like to know which department within Isle of Wight Council local authority deals with elective home education?

Education and Inclusion

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

Lead Officer for EHE: Louise Tatton; Part-time Assistant EHE Officer; Part-time EHE Administrator

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

County Education Manager (Inclusion): Tracey Sanders

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

Letter

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

Please see: <https://www.iwight.com/azservices/documents/2134-IW-Elective-Home-Education-revised-August-2016.pdf>

- 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.

Please see link above to LA's EHE Policy.

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

378 (as of 31/01/2018)

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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

Please see table attached.

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Please contact me again if you require any further assistance on this matter and I will do my best to provide relevant help and advice.

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Yours sincerely

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