

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000853
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Elective Home Education

Request:

1. The numbers of students in EHE (elective home education) at the end of the last 5 years broken down by reason for EHE (if recorded) then further broken down by sex, ethnicity and religion (if recorded).

In response to question 1 above, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold all the information that you are requesting.

Consequently, we are unable to provide information relating to the "years broken down by reason" for the last 5 years as we only started to record this information from April 2016 and we are unable to provide information relating to "religion" as this is something we do not record. Therefore we are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

However, please see information below which we can provide you with. I hope this will be of use to you.

2016 Reason	Numbers of Students
Attendance / Prosecution	25
Bullying	15
Reason not disclosed	85
Emotional and Behavioural	14
Lifestyle/Cultural/Philosophy	64
Medical - Child	8
Near Exclusion	9
New Arrival	2
Not Preferred School	27
Problems SEN Provision	11
Religious Beliefs	7

Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Female	49	57	67	86	105	140
Male	56	62	58	73	95	127

Ethnicity

AIND Indian	4	2	3	0	3	7
AOTH Any Other Asian background	0	2	1	0	0	0
APKN Pakistani	1	3	4	8	6	5
BAFR Black African	1	2	1	0	1	1
BCRB Black Caribbean	9	7	6	7	8	8
BOTH Any Other black background	1	0	2	1	0	1
MOTH Any Other mixed background	4	0	2	2	5	12
MWAS White/Asian	1	1	2	3	4	5
MWBA White/Black African	0	0	0	1	1	2
MWBC White/Black Caribbean	9	12	9	14	18	25
OOth Any Other Ethnic Group	0	0	0	0	1	3
WBRI White British	31	42	43	62	92	114
WIRI White Irish	0	0	0	0	3	3
WIRT Traveller – Irish Herit	8	8	17	17	15	20
WOTH Any Other White Background	2	2	2	5	6	11
WROM Gypsy/Roma	4	6	5	6	6	6
NOBT Info Not Yet Obtained	30	32	28	32	28	41
REFU Refused	0	0	0	1	3	3

2. The number of children who had never been in conventional education (have not ever enrolled at a state secondary or private school) who are home educated, for each of the last 5 years broken down by sex, ethnicity, and religion (if recorded).

In response to question 2 above, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold all of the information that you are requesting.

Consequently, we are unable to provide information relating to “religion” as this is not recorded.

However, please see information below which we can provide you with. I hope this will be of use to you.

Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Female	2	8	0	9	4	7
Male	2	6	4	6	7	6

Ethnicity

AIND Indian	1	0	1	0	0	0
APKN Pakistani	0	0	1	1	0	1
BAFR Black African	0	1	0	0	0	0
BCRB Black Caribbean	0	0	0	0	1	0
MOTH Any other Mixed Background	0	0	0	0	0	2
MWAS White/Asian	0	0	0	1	0	0
MWBC White/Black Caribbean	0	3	1	2	2	1
OOth Any Other Ethnic Group	0	0	0	0	1	1

WBRI	White British	2	7	1	10	7	1
WOTH	Any Other White Background	0	0	0	0	0	1
NOBT	Info NOT Yet Obtained	1	3	0	0	0	11
REFU	Refused	0	0	0	1	0	0

3. The number of children in elective home education in your authority who were also 'children in need' under section 17 of the Children's Act 1989 for the last 5 years, broken down by sex, ethnicity and religion (if recorded).
In response to question 3 above, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold all the information that you are requesting.

Consequently, we are unable to provide information relating to the "years broken down by reason" for the last 5 years as we only started to record this information from April 2016 and information relating to "sex, ethnicity and religion" as this is something we do not record. Therefore we are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

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However, please see information below which we can provide you with. I hope this will be of use to you.

At the end of the academic year 2016 there were 10 children in need cases.

4. The numbers of inspectors of EHE employed in each of the last 5 years.
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5. The numbers of inspections carried out in each of the past five years.
In response to question 5 above, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold all of the information that you are requesting.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the last 5 years as we only started to record this information from April 2016. Therefore we are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

However, we can inform you that at the end of the academic year 2016 there were 161 inspections (some of these were EHE sibling groups at the same address).

6. The number of children whose guardians refused to allow an inspection for each of the last 5 years.

In response to question 6 above, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold all of the information that you are requesting.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the last 5 years as we only started to record this information from April 2016. Therefore we are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

However, we can inform you that at the end of the academic year 2016 there were 11 children whose guardians refused to allow inspection.