

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001174
Date 25 May 2017

Independent Schools and Electively Home Educated Pupils

Request:

Please answer the following under the 2000 Freedom of Information Act.

Private hospital schools

1. How many independent hospital schools or independent schools that cater for medical needs (privately funded and run) are there in the LA? (Am not talking about independent special needs schools. Am also not talking about academies or free schools, just privately run and funded)? **None.**
2. What are their names, please? **N/A**
3. How many pupils were sent to independent hospital/medical needs schools in 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17, broken down by year, please? **N/A**
4. Who is commissioning those places – the LA, or schools? Please explain. **N/A**
5. How much did it cost for the LA to fund those places in independent, private hospital school provision in each of those years? **N/A**
6. How much did each pupil cost to the LA to send into private hospital schools/medical needs schools on average for each of those years? **N/A**
7. How many local authority-run hospital schools/medical needs schools are in the LA? **N/A**
8. How many pupils were sent to the local authority-run hospital schools/medical needs schools in each of the years 2011-12 all the way through to 2016-17? Broken down by year? **N/A**
9. How much does a place at the local authority-run hospital school or medical needs school cost on average? **N/A**
10. Why or under what circumstances does the LA send pupils into private hospital schools/medical needs schools? **N/A**

Please answer the following under the 2000 Freedom of Information Act.

1. How many independent (privately funded and run) alternative provision schools are there in the LA? (these are for excluded pupils mostly. Am not talking about independent special needs schools. Am talking about privately funded alternative provision schools, not AP academies or free schools).

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2. What are their names, please?

Bow Street School

Peak Pursuits

3. How many pupils were sent to privately funded, independent alternative provision schools in 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, and 2015-16, and 2016-17, broken down by year, please?

	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17
Bow Street School	0	0	0	0	0	2
Peak Pursuits	0	0	0	0	1	1

4. Who is choosing those places – the LA, or schools? Please explain.

The LA are responsible for providing education for permanently excluded pupils by day 6 of their exclusion so place in these provisions. Schools can also place young people if they choose.

5. How much did it cost for the LA to fund those places in independent, private alternative provision in each of those years?

£16,995

6. How much did each pupil cost on average to send into private alternative provision, for each of those years?

Each young person has a bespoke timetable which varies to suit their needs so the packages are all different. We would not be able to work out the average.

7. How many pupils were moved into local authority-run pupil referral units in the above years, 2011-12 all the way through to 2016-17? Broken down by year please.

	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17
PRUs						

The LA don't hold this data, only figures for the pupils that are placed by the LA.

8. How many pupil referral units are in the LA?

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9. Why or under what circumstances does the LA send pupils into private alternative provision, rather than PRUs?

When it is not appropriate to place certain young people together because of issues they may have between them. In these cases young people are not placed in the same provision. Also, if the PRUS are full to capacity we look to place young people in alternative provision.

Electively home educated pupils

Please answer the following under the 2000 Freedom of Information Act

Electively home educated pupils

1. How many children of eligible school age were electively home educated in 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17? Broken down by each year, please, and by school year of the pupil, please.

NCY	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17*
0	14	4	15	11	13	7
1	7	12	5	19	23	15
2	12	6	15	8	28	24
3	9	11	5	14	9	27
4	7	12	16	9	19	11
5	9	7	14	15	14	19
6	7	9	11	16	26	14
7	12	12	17	16	17	34
8	10	14	13	20	20	22
9	9	11	15	23	36	33
10	14	10	19	20	34	43
11	9	17	14	29	29	56
Total	119	125	159	200	268	305

*as of 30/5/17

2. If there has been an increase, could the council please offer explanations as to why?

Down to parental preference philosophical/ cultural reasons and because of emotional/behavioural reasons.

3. If a decrease, again an explanation as to why that might be?

N/A

4. How many pupils returned from being electively home educated into schools in 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17. Please specify by type of school they returned to a) primary mainstream school b) secondary mainstream school b) pupil referral unit c) independent alternative provision d) special needs school, for each of those years.

NCY	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17*
primary	14	12	17	18	24	57
secondary	13	9	7	9	14	27
pupil referral unit	1	3			2	2

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

independent alternative provision						
special needs school				1	2	1

**as of 30/5/17*

5. Why do pupils return into mainstream school? Reasons for that, please.
[Parental preference as circumstances can change at home.](#)
6. How many home tuition tutors for pupils needing lessons at home were employed by the council in 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17? Broken down by year, please.
[None](#)