

Response to Request for Information

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Elective Home Education

Request:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to ask for details regarding children who have been electively home educated.

I understand that the privacy of children is of utmost important. However it would be possible to send all of this information without putting that at risk, so long as the data is anonymised by process of removing the names of all children listed in the documents that is sent to us.

Please provide the following:

1. The numbers of students in EHE (elective home education) for the school year 2016/17. If possible please also break this down by reason for EHE (if recorded) if also possible then please further break it down by gender, ethnicity and religion (if recorded).

[In response to your request, please find our response below:](#)

[There were 450 compulsory school aged young people known to be electively home educated during 2016/17. However, a number of these also ceased to be EHE within 16/17.](#)

[We have included the reasons, gender and ethnicity breakdowns but we are unable to provide religion breakdown.](#)

[EHE by reason](#)

	Number of young people
EHE due to Lifestyle/Cultural/Philosophy choice	139
EHE due to Medical condition(s)	12
EHE due to not Preferred School choice	77
EHE due to Religious Beliefs	8
Experienced bullying in school	26
Experienced Emotional and Behavioural difficulties	66
Previously experienced school attendance issues	30
EHE due to SEN issues	10

Reason not given by parents	64
Young person Near Exclusion	10
Young person new into City (EHE in previous LA)	8
Total	450

Gender breakdown

	Number of young people
Female	224
Male	226
Total	450

Ethnicity breakdown

AIND - Indian	13
AOTH - Any other Asian background	2
APKN - Pakistani	9
BAFR - Black African	2
BCRB - Black Caribbean	13
BOTH - Any other Black background	5
CHNE - Chinese	2
MOTH - Any other Mixed background	17
MWAS - White/Asian	6
MWBA - White/Black African	3
MWBC - White/Black Caribbean	36
WBRI - White British	221
WIRI - White Irish	4
WIRT - Traveller - Irish Heritage	23
WOTH - Any other White background	20
WROM - Gypsy/Roma	7
OOTH - Any other Ethnic Group	6
NOBT - Info not given	57
REFU - Refused	4
Total	450