



Response to Request for Information

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Home Schooling

Request:

Please treat this as a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please could you supply the following information, if possible via email:

Can you let me know how many children in your local authority were being home schooled during the following three years please:

Between March 2014 and March 2015, March 2015- 2016 and March 2016- 2017.

If there has been a significant increase or decrease between 2015 and 2017, any explanation would be welcome.

In response to your request we can confirm that the number of children in Wolverhampton being home schooled during each financial year

2014-15 = 257
2015-16 = 339
2016-17 = 474

The figures above include the total number of young people that were known to be electively home educated at some point within the given financial year. However, please note that within each financial year a significant number of young people also ceased to be home educated due to returning to a school setting.

With regards to the reasons for the increase in EHE, the top two reasons parents provide for wanting to home educate are for philosophical/ cultural reason and due to not getting their preferred school choice.