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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI821210012**

Thank you for your request for information relating to EHE statistics 2026.

You have requested the following information:

1. EHE

a) Please provide the number of home educated children known to your local authority as of the 1st April 2026

712.

b) how many of these became known since 1st October 2025?

136.

c) how many of these are in 14-16 access college and still registered as EHE?

We do not hold this information and are informing you as per Section 1(1). Whilst the Council is aware that some children may access college provision this is arranged by their families, not the Local Authority. Consequently, this data is not recorded

d) how many of these are flexi-schooled/part time EHE and part time school?

Pupils attending school on a part-time basis are not regarded as EHE.

e) how many of these were previously attending private school before being EHE?

Not applicable.

2. CME

a) How many children moved from EHE status to CME status between 1 October 2025 and 1 April 2026? This includes those where you dual categorise as EHE and CME.

42 children changed status. The Council does not recognise a dual category, children are either EHE or CME.

b) How many of these remain CME?

29.

3. s437(1) England and Wales Notice to satisfy - Section 37(1) in Scotland.

a) State how many s437(1) or 37(1) have been served between 1/10/2025 and 1/4/2026 - This is in relation to home educated children (including those you may have transferred to CME prior to serving notice).

12.

b) How many were served more than one notice per child in this period?

Nil.

c) Please confirm whether your figures are recorded per notice, per child, or per parent.

Per child.

4. SAO School attendance order England and Wales - AO attendance order in Scotland

a) How many SAOs/AO were served in that same time period. This is in relation to home educated children (including those you may have transferred to CME prior to serving).

Due to the low numbers involved, the information is being withheld. This has been done as the Council considers that this information meets the definition for personal data set out in Section 3(2) and 3(3) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) as:

(2) personal data means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual (subject to subsection (14)(c))”

(3) “Identifiable living individual” means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to

*(a) an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier, or
(b) one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual.”*

The Council thus considers that the requested information is caught by the exemption to disclosure

contained in Section 40 (2) of the FOI Act and the related first condition of Section 40 (3).

b) How many were subject to more than one per child in this period?

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c) Please confirm whether your figures are recorded per order, per child, or per parent.

Per child

5. SAO/AO outcomes

For each SAO/AO identified in Question 4, please provide the outcome, including (but not limited to):

Child registered at school before escalation to court (state if SAO was revoked)

SAO revoked due to education deemed suitable

Prosecution initiated

Prosecution outcome (e.g. conviction, acquittal, withdrawn)

Any other recorded outcome

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6. Reasons for Section 437(1) or 37(1) Notices

Please provide the recorded reasons for serving Section 437(1) notices in Question 3.

This should include any internal categories, codes, or descriptors used (e.g. insufficient information, provided written information but chose not to meet, refusal to provide photos to back up a written report, no response, etc.).

Where no formal categories exist, please provide a summary based on case records.

Elective Home Education was deemed unsuitable.

7. Resolution Following Section 437(1) or 37(1)

In cases where no further action was taken following a Section 437(1) notice, or where the authority accepted the education as suitable, please state what actions led to that decision (e.g. written report, meeting, home visit, samples of work, etc.).

Not applicable – there was further action taken in all cases. The children concerned were no longer recorded as being Electively Home Educated.

8. SAO/AO Revocation Prior to Court

For SAOs/AOs that were revoked prior to court proceedings, please provide the reasons for revocation, including what evidence or specific actions led to the decision. (e.g. written report, meeting, home visit, samples of work, etc.).

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9. Recording Practices

a) Does your authority record EHE and CME as mutually exclusive categories?

Yes.

b) Can a child be recorded as CME while also being known to be home educated?

No.

c) Does your authority maintain a record of children who have moved between EHE and CME categories?

Yes.

d) If yes, what is the process for this classification?

As per statutory guidance, a child's status will change from EHE to CME when one or more of the following criteria is met:

(i) The Council has completed the due diligence process and made enquiries, but the parent/carer has not responded and consequently there is no evidence that education arrangements are in place.

(ii) The Council has clear evidence that no education provision is in place and/or there is no intention to home educate.

(iii) There are clear and present safeguarding risks which satisfy unsuitability of EHE.

(iv) The family have moved and their address is unknown i.e. no known forwarding address.

10. Home Visits

a) How many EHE families had a home visit between 1 October 2025 and 1 April 2026

b) How many families had more than one visit in this time period?

We hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

We do not hold this information in a summary format. To obtain this information we would have to manually check each individual pupil record which will exceed 18 hours. Your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

11. SEN

a) how many of the known home educators in question 1 have an EHCP?

54.

b) how many have known SEND without an EHCP?

474 using the broadest definition of SEN.

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Yours faithfully

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