

**Childrens Services and EHE Data - 101003972226**

NOTES: Electively Home Educated (EHE) refers to any child of compulsory school age (CSA) not registered at a school and whose education is primarily the responsibility of their parent/carer. CSA is children of 5-16 years of age.		
	Year	Sources/Comments
<b>1. Population Data, please provide:</b>		
a) the total population of children in your area as of 1 April 2026	2026	
b) how many of those are CSA	16,020	
c) Total number of children known to Children's Services as of 1 April 2026	12,043	
d) how many of those are pre CSA	547	
e) how many are post CSA	120	
f) Number of those in b) recorded as EHE (as defined above)	427	
The information requested is not recorded as such. In order to provide the information requested we would have to check each record individually and this would take more than 40 hours. This task would cost the Council in excess of £800 of staff time. In accordance with section 12 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) -excessive cost-, we are therefore unable to comply with this part of the request.		
<b>2. Referrals between 1 April 2025 and 1 April 2026:</b>		
a) Total number of referrals to Children's Services for CSA children	2025-2026	Referrals to C&F - Apr 2025 to Mar 2026
b) Number of referrals involving children recorded as EHE	1354	
c) Of those involving EHE how many children received more than one referral?	Exempt under S.12 FOISA- excessive cost	
d) Of the referrals involving EHE children, how many involved children known to services due to adoption-related support?	Exempt under S.12 FOISA- excessive cost	
<b>3. Section 47 Enquiries (Child Protection Investigations) between 1 April 2025 and 1 April 2026:</b>		
a) Total number of Section 47 enquiries for CSA children	2025-2026	Records of IRDs - Apr 2025 to Mar 2026
b) Number involving EHE children	49	
Exempt under S.12 FOISA- excessive cost		
<b>4. Child Protection Plans (CPP) between 1 April 2025 and 1 April 2026:</b>		
a) Total number of CSA children subject to a Child Protection Plan	2025-2026	CP Reg - Apr 2025 to Mar 2026
b) Number of those children who are EHE	57	
0		
<b>5. Children in Need (CIN):</b>		
a) Total number of CSA children recorded as Children in Need	2025-2026	Referrals C&F Reports - Apr 2026
b) Number of those children who are EHE	395	
c) Of the EHE children recorded how many are due to accessing disability services in the local offer?	Exempt under S.12 FOISA- excessive cost	
d) Of the EHE children recorded how many are recorded as receiving adoption-related support?	Exempt under S.12 FOISA- excessive cost	
<b>6. Children in Care (Looked After Children):</b>		
a) Total number of CSA children in care	2025-26	LAC Lists - Apr 2025 to Mar 2026
b) Number of those children who were EHE immediately prior to entering care	136	
0		
<b>7. Outcomes of Referrals (EHE vs Overall) For referrals identified in Question 2:</b>		
Please provide a breakdown of outcomes for:		
a) No further action	Not held. Information that is not held falls under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.	
b) Early help offered and if it was accepted/declined Child in need offered and if it was accepted/declined Section 47 enquiry initiated Please indicate, where possible, whether adoption-related involvement was a factor in EHE cases.	Not held. S.17 FOISA	
Provide this for:	Not held. S.17 FOISA	
c) All children	Not held. S.17 FOISA	
d) EHE children	Not held. S.17 FOISA	
<b>8. Reasons for Referral. Please provide the recorded primary reasons for referral for EHE children (e.g. neglect, physical abuse, emotional abuse, education concerns, etc.). If "education concerns" is a category, please specify how many referrals were solely due to concerns about education provision.</b>		
Not held. S.17 FOISA		
<b>9. Source of Referrals. For EHE children, please provide the source of referrals (e.g. school, GP, hospital, police, local authority EHE team, family, anonymous, etc.).</b>		
Not held. S.17 FOISA		
<b>10. Internal Recording Practices:</b>		
a) Does your authority record EHE status within Children's Services systems?	No	
b) If so, at what stage is this recorded (e.g. referral, assessment, ongoing case)?	See above	
c) If not, how would EHE children be identified within safeguarding data?	Not identified for data purposes but EHE status considered in assessment of need and risk.	