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Request:

Please can you provide your current policies and procedures as of November 22 about the following:

1. Your current policy on children that are electively home educated, and your current procedures including any template letters used in relation to how you make initial contact with a new home education family, and how you make the decision in relation to if a child's home education received is suitable or not.

Please see attached documents, EHE Procedure and LA Guidance and EHE Initial Letter documents.

Regarding how the Authority makes the decision in relation to suitability of the education being received, the Authority requests a report from parents/carers regarding the education they are providing their child/ren with, asking for details on (amongst other things), subjects or curriculum covered, resources used and opportunities for interactions with their peers both socially and academically etc.

The Authority also asks to meet with the students, which allows us the opportunity to discuss their education further and what they are learning and doing on a daily basis. If neither a report nor visit is completed then we simply have to assume that the education being received is not suitable, and therefore follow further guidelines and procedures regarding this.

2. Your current policy on EOTAS and current procedure for families to access EOTAS were appropriate for their child.

The Authority does not currently have an overarching policy for EOTAS. The Local Offer pages of the North Tyneside Council website provides information and advice which includes information on the Moorbridge Pupil Referral Unit and access to Home Tuition.

- https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1247/support-children-school
- Home & Hospital Tuition Leaflet

Also attached is the Home Tuition and Hospital Teaching Service Policy document.

Information is also available from the special educational needs and disability information, advice and support service (SENDIASS).

• Information, Advice and Support (SENDIASS)

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3. Your current policy and procedure on personal budgets concerning education provision detailed in EHCPs.

Please see attached Personal Budget Policy and Procedures document.

This information is also available on the Local Offer pages of the North Tyneside Council Website - Local Offer: Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) | North Tyneside Council

4. Your current policy and procedures in relation to children missing education.

Please see attached CME Policy & Procedure document.

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