

## Consultation - Elective Home Education

Response to paper with particular reference to the Safeguarding agenda (Every Child Matters)

### Law

This needs updating in relation to Elective Home Ed. e.g.

- > LEA to be informed at all times of decision to home educate
- > Imperative to see the C & Y.P in home/working environment and discuss work with C & Y.P. > Guidance required from DfES as to what constitutes an "effective" education
- > LEA required to see home educated C & YP at least every 6 months > Reasons for elective home education to be stated . If C or YP is likely to be removed from school for short period then provision must follow N.C if the C or - YP is to return to school when appropriate placement found.(e.g. parents unable to send C or YP to school of choice)

3.8

- ^ LEA to be satisfied that appropriate arrangements have been made for H.E **prior** to school place being de-registered or at time of transfer

3.9

Delete "parents/carers not legally obliged to notify LEA" make this compulsory

3.10

Amend 1966 Ed. Act to ensure that LEA's actively investigate whether parents/carers are complying with their duties under Section 7

3.11

Child should be required to attend any meetings that may be arranged to express his/her views in some other way

3.12

Compromises equality of access and opportunity

3.12

Need for learning outcomes to be measured/monitored in some way

3.16

Specified time scale to be enforced

3.17  
Imperative that child is seen - (safeguarding agenda) and opportunity for discussion of work

How is "reasonable" defined

3.18

LEA should be required to visit at least every 6 months

Issue for parents/carers travelling abroad required to check if H.E is authorised in countries they visit

Parents of all C & YP of compulsory school age who elect H.E, regardless of whether they have attended any schools, to inform LEA

3.21

Time scale to be specified

3.27

C & YP with SEN ensure that EP views are sought.

4.4

Parents/carers obliged to educate C & YP for minimum amount of time (possibly equivalent to schools terms)

4.6

Replace "recommend" with legal requirement

... the child concerned should attend that meeting and be able to express his/her views

LEA should have a legal right of access to the home - safeguarding agenda

4.11

Government to take a lead on the safeguarding agenda and not delegate this to the discretion of the LEA

4.13

Essential to have enhanced CRB checks in place

4.16

Requirement that Ofsted view random samples of HE provision in each county during inspections

5.2

Adequate funding for LEA's to carry out safeguarding duties in respect of H.E as greater levels of funding allocated to schools

5.12

Identity cards for C & YP on H.E. to be produced when challenged by truancy patrols

Enrolment at F E Colleges

Issue of equality of opportunity and access

Self Study

Range of exams limited

Head of Surrey Traveller Education Support Service  
25/04/05