

## Request

1. In 2019, how many school-age children did the local authority categorise as Children Missing Education (CME), as set out in Section 436A Education Act 1996.
2. As of the date of this request (24/05/2023), how many school-age children does the local authority currently categorise as Children Missing Education (CME), as set out in Section 436A Education Act 1996.

**For clarification:** Children missing education are children of compulsory school age who are not registered pupils at a school and are not receiving suitable education elsewhere.

In addition to this, I would like the following information:

1. How many Education Welfare Officers, or equivalent school attendance roles, were employed by the local authority in:
  - a) 2013
  - b) on the date of this request (24/05/23)

## Response

1. Between Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 and Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 – 1137 cases were opened.
2. 100
  1. Education Welfare Officers
    - a) 3 Attendance Enforcement Officers. This role was based on statutory enforcement of non-attendance and as such didn't incorporate all of the 'welfare' elements of an Education Welfare Officer role.
    - b) Lead Attendance Officers- Currently a buy back service commissioned by schools – 7. Attendance Officers- covering all elements of statutory work including casework- 3