

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD – WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2016

Written question from David Hardy, Executive Director of Healthwatch Isle of Wight to Councillor Steve Stubbings, Chairman of Health and Wellbeing Board.

311 children are currently being home schooled on the Island.

There is supposedly the best national self-help and self-support group on the Island. Despite this parents with children who have behavioural/mental health issues are being advised to be educated at home without anyone assessing their homes/families to see if this is a realistic possibility with the child's best interests in mind.

It seem some school might be taking the easy way out I have been asked by Healthwatch to find out are these children being assessed and as we are going to do some more work on this would like to know if it is known the breakdown of the reasons why children are being home educated.

Response

It not an area for the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider.

Their advice is to refer it to the Children's Committee who undertake the scrutiny function over such matters.