

SEND Tribunal: Extended Appeals

Newsletter: September 2021

Welcome to the September 2021 SEND Tribunal: extended appeals newsletter. This edition includes:

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1. End of the National Trial: Actions for LAs

The National Trial has ended and local authorities must update their information and any key materials relating to the SEND Tribunal national trial. This could include:

- Information about the national trial on Local Offer websites
- Information materials provided to parents, children and young people about SEND tribunal
- Information provided in decision letters
- Information provided in letters in response to recommendations

To assist local authorities, we have added new sample Local Offer wording, a template decision letter and a template for a response to recommendation letter to the online toolkit. You can download the resources at (Single Route of Redress: Online Toolkit - Mott MacDonald (sendpathfinder.co.uk)).





2. Young Person's guide to SEND Disagreement Resolution



The online toolkit now contains an updated edition of the 'SEND Disagreement Resolution: A guide for Young People in education' which is available to download and view here - <u>SEND Disagreement Resolution - Mott MacDonald (sendpathfinder.co.uk)</u>.

This updated guide is written with and specifically for young people, to help them understand the SEND disagreement resolution process.

If you have this document featured in your Local Offer please make sure you update the weblink to the one provided above.

3. Updated SEND Tribunal resources: extended appeals

Other updated information for local areas is available to download from the SEND Tribunal: extended appeals online toolkit at: Extended Powers SEND Tribunal: Online Toolkit - Mott MacDonald (sendpathfinder.co.uk)

A list of the updated resources available are:

- SEND Tribunal: extended appeals FAQ document
 This document was developed for local authority SEND teams, health and social care commissioners, parents, and young people, to help answer some of the most commonly asked questions relating the SEND Tribunal: extended appeals.
- Summary page of the SEND tribunal extended appeals for local areas
 A 2 page document outlining the key elements of the SEND Tribunal
 extended appeals, roles and responsibilities and the support available to local
 areas.
- Summary presentation slide on the SEND Tribunal extended appeals
 A summary slide to brief local area teams on the SEND Tribunal extended
 appeals that outlines the aims, the roles and responsibilities of the local area
 teams.





4. SEND Tribunal learning event and new resources for health and social care practitioners

Early next year we will be hosting a learning event for local area stakeholders to share experience and effective practice in multi-agency work and reducing disagreements. If you have been developing new practice in this area or have experience that you would like to share with the sector then please contact us at SENDdeliverysupport@mottmac.com.

We will also be publishing 2 additional information resources; one for health and one for social care colleagues. The resources will set out the role and responsibilities and help clarify the processes in the SEND tribunal process. We will be working with social care and health leads to develop the resources which we hope to publish later this year.

5. SEND Tribunal: national trial helpline closes 30 September 2021

With the national trial now ended the national trial helpline will be closing on 30 September 2021. From 1 October 2021, any questions and requests relating to the SEND Tribunal national trial should be sent to national.trial@education.gov.uk. Alternatively you can find information about SEND tribunal extended appeals at Extended Powers SEND Tribunal: Online Toolkit - Mott MacDonald (sendpathfinder.co.uk) and you can contact the SEND tribunal service at send@justice.gov.uk.

Please note, the <u>SENDdeliverysupport@mottmac.com</u> email address will still be monitored for general enquiries and will remain the point of contact for local authorities with ongoing National Trial expense claims and Certificates of Grant Usage.

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