

Refusal to assess

For a refusal to assess appeal, you do not have to prove that your child definitely needs an EHCP. You only need to show that:

- They may have SEN, and
- They may need provision through an EHCP.

There is a range of evidence that can help you with this.

Educational Evidence

- School reports (academic progress, attendance, behaviour)
- Individual Education Plans (IEPs) or Provision Maps
- SEN Support documentation
- Exclusion records or behaviour logs
- Work samples showing difficulties or progress

Professional Assessments

- Educational Psychology reports
- Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) assessments
- Occupational Therapy (OT) reports
- Physiotherapy reports
- CAMHS or mental health assessments
- Private assessments (if LA assessments are lacking or disputed)

Health and Medical Evidence

- GP letters or consultant reports
- Diagnosis letters (e.g. autism, ADHD, dyslexia)
- Medication records or impact statements
- Hospital discharge summaries (if relevant)

Voice of the Child

- Child's views (written, video, or recorded)
- Drawings or letters expressing preferences or concerns
- Voice of the Child work completed with professionals

Parent Evidence

- Parent statements detailing lived experience
- Chronology of events (e.g. missed support, exclusions)
- Emails or letters to/from the LA or school
- Diary entries or logs of incidents or unmet needs

Social Care evidence

- Child and family assessment
- Family support plans whether for Team around the Family or Child in need meetings
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