

I would like to request the following information:

1. The number of initial requests made to the local authority for an Education Health and Care Needs Assessment in the calendar year 2023, broken down by the originator of the request as follows:

- Schools and colleges;
- Parent carers or guardians;
- Young people;
- Others not covered in the above groups.

2023 – Number of Requests (by requestor)

- a) School / Colleges – 491
- b) Parent / Carers – 259
- c) Young People – 0
- d) Other – 0

2. Separately, the number of these initial requests (ie, those in the calendar year 2023) that were refused by the local authority, broken down by the originator of the request as above.

2023 – LA refused to initiate an EHC Needs Assessment (by requestor)

- a) School / Colleges – 65
- b) Parent / Carers – 112
- c) Young People – N/A
- d) Other – N/A

3. Finally, the number of these initial requests (ie, those in the calendar year 2023) where a decision from the local authority is still pending, broken down by the originator of the request as above.

2023 – Pending decisions about whether or not to initiate an EHC Needs Assessment

- a) School / Colleges – 0
- b) Parent / Carers – 0
- c) Young People – 0
- d) Other – 0