



Please provide the following information regarding the Council's handling of Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessments between 1 January 2024 and the present date.

1. Assessment Timeliness

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| a. The total number of EHC needs assessments completed within the statutory 20-week timeframe. | 1.a. 385 |
| b. The number completed after the 20-week deadline. | 1.b. 865 |
| c. The average number of weeks taken to complete an assessment. | 1.c. 26.5 |

2. Reasons for Delay

Information not held

- a. A breakdown (if held) of the main reasons cited for assessments exceeding 20 weeks (e.g. delay in obtaining professional advice, staffing shortage, awaiting medical or EP reports, etc.).
- b. Whether the Council records which service or professional area (e.g. Educational Psychology, Paediatrics, SaLT, OT) caused each delay.

3. Requests, Refusals and Outcomes by Origin

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| a. The total number of EHC needs assessment requests received, with a breakdown showing how many were initiated by schools/settings and how many by parents/carers. | 3.a. Total = 1892
Schools/settings = 1121
Parents/Carers = 758 |
| b. For each of these categories (school-initiated and parent-initiated): | |
| i. How many requests were agreed to assess. | 3.b.i. Schools/settings = 1014
Parents/Carers = 379 |
| ii. How many were refused at the 'request for assessment' stage. | 3.b.ii. Schools/settings = 107
Parents/Carers = 379 |
| iii. Of those refusals, how many were later overturned following: | 3.b.iii.a. Schools/settings = 28
Parents/Carers = 53 |
| a. Mediation | 3.b.iii.b. Schools/settings = 0
Parents/Carers = 0 |
| b. SEND Tribunal, and | |
| c. Concession before a full Tribunal hearing (where the Council agreed to assess before the hearing concluded). | 3.b.iii.c. Schools/settings = 3
Parents/Carers = 25 |