



SEND Single Route of Redress National Trial

22nd November 2018 Newsletter

Welcome to the November 2018 SEND Single Route of Redress National Trial newsletter. This newsletter focuses on:

Key updates

Publication of a parent carer webinar on the national trial

Frequently asked questions on the national trial

Update from the national trial evaluation team

Key updates

Since the launch of the national trial on the 3rd April 2018 there have been 302 cases registered under the First-tier Tribunal's extended powers.

Please note: The 302 cases identified above were registered between the 3rd April and the 13th November 2018, 7 of these 302 cases have now been to Tribunal and have had decisions issued. Updates on the number of cases registered under the national trial will be provided on an ongoing basis in the national trial newsletter.

As the national trial progresses, further information and updates will be provided through this newsletter. This will include:

- Ongoing frequently asked questions
- Key themes and emerging intelligence
- Information and aggregate data on local authority and health commissioners' expense claims



Parent carer webinar

A webinar has been created for parents and carers on the national trial is now available online here. The aim of the webinar is:

- To set out the reasons for single route of redress national trial
- To make clear what the duties, roles and responsibilities of the local authorities (LAs) and health bodies / commissioners are
- To inform parent carers what support is available
- To clarify what families can expect if they appeal to the Tribunal
- Provide details about the guidance and support available

The webinar includes representation from a DfE SEND adviser, NNPCF, and IASS.

If there are any questions, please contact SENDdeliverysupport@mottmac.com.

Frequently asked questions on the national trial

As part of the <u>national trial toolkit</u>, a frequently asked questions document has been developed and is now available <u>here</u>. The resource includes questions that local authority SEND teams, health and social care commissioners, parents, and young people have asked most frequently prior to, and during, the national trial regarding the national trial.

The FAQs will be continuously updated as the trial progresses, if you have any queries on FAQs within the document, or questions you would like answered on the national trial, please contact SENDdeliverysupport@mottmac.com.

Update from the national trial evaluation team

IFF Research and Belmana are continuing their work with DfE to evaluate the trial extension of powers. They have completed in-depth consultations with national stakeholders and case study visits to 12 local areas. A survey of an additional 36 local areas is underway.

IFF Research and Belmana have also developed surveys for appellants (which can be completed by phone or online) to understand their experiences of appealing to the SEND Tribunal under the extended powers. They will be analysing responses to recommendation letters and Management Information, alongside further surveys of local authorities and CCGs, to create a rounded picture of the extended powers.

We would be very grateful if you would take part in the evaluation if approached by IFF Research or Belmana. Your help is critical to enable them to draw useful conclusions about whether the extended powers have been implemented as intended, what the impact has been, and whether they are deliverable and sustainable.





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