



# Extended Powers SEND Tribunal

## Newsletter: August 2021

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Welcome to the August 2021 Extended Powers SEND Tribunal newsletter. This edition includes:

- 1. Updated Extended Powers SEND Tribunal Resources**
  - 2. National Trial ended 31 August: – Actions for LAs**
  - 3. LA expense claims: Completing your Certificate of Grant Usage**
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### **1. Updated Extended Powers SEND Tribunal Resources**

Now that the National Trial has ended, there is refreshed guidance and information available to you on our online toolkit at ([Extended Powers SEND Tribunal: Online Toolkit - Mott MacDonald \(sendpathfinder.co.uk\)](https://sendpathfinder.co.uk)). The updated toolkit contains, updated Local Offer wording, template decision letters, recommendation letter templates and a new DfE guide for all local authorities, health commissioning bodies and parent young people in England on the SEND Tribunal Extended Powers. We will continue to update information as and when it is available including an updated version of the young people's guide to SEND Disagreement Resolution.

### **2. National Trial ended 31 August: Actions for local authorities**

From the 1 September 2021 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 \(sendpathfinder.co.uk\)](https://sendpathfinder.co.uk)).

### **3. LA Expense Claims: Completing your Certificate of Grant Usage**

Local authorities who have made expense claims under the national trial grant award will be required to submit a Certificate of Grant Usage. If your local authority has made a claim, we will contact you from September with more information to help you through the submission process.

Please be aware that the Certificate of Grant Usage within Annex F of the Grant Funding Agreement has been updated to make it easier for you to complete and will be re-issued to you. Please do not start this process until you have received an updated Annex F and have been contacted by the SEND Delivery Support team ([SENDdeliverysupport@mottmac.com](mailto:SENDdeliverysupport@mottmac.com)) instructing you to submit your Certificate of Grant Usage.

If you have any questions on this process, please contact the SEND Delivery Support Team [SENDdeliverysupport@mottmac.com](mailto:SENDdeliverysupport@mottmac.com) who will assist you.

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