



Right to appeal to the Education Tribunal for Wales

A Parent/Carer can make an appeal to the Education Tribunal for Wales (ETW) against certain decisions made by a Welsh Local Authority (LA) about their child's Additional Learning Needs (ALN). Children and young people can also make an appeal by telling the tribunal that they disagree with a decision about their education.

Children and Young People can ask an adult to help fill in the appeal application form. If they have someone to help them, the name of this person is a 'Case Friend'. The Case Friend must tell / inform the tribunal that they are helping the child/young person.

Early resolution of any disagreements is best for everyone and can help to avoid stress.

If you are unable to agree about decisions or provision, independent parent partnership services provided by the LA can support you.

SNAP Cymru is an all-Wales children's charity working with families, young people and professionals in our area on issues regarding ALN and disabilities.

The information and advice line is available, Monday to Friday, 09:30 to 16:30.

<https://www.snapcymru.org/info-advice/>



If your concerns or disagreements are to do with a Health Service, the Local Authority and the Designated Clinical Education Lead Officer (DECLO) will work together to try and find a solution.

Information on the putting things right process can be found at:

<https://www.gov.wales/nhs-wales-complaints-and-concerns-putting-things-right>

The Education Tribunal is independent of:

- Government
- Local Authority
- Schools
- Further Education Institutes (FEI)

The tribunal hears and decides appeals and applications in relation to children and young people who have or may have ALN.

Specifically, it hears and decides appeals about the decisions of an FEI or an LA in Wales. The tribunals decisions are legally binding.

The Education Tribunal provide advice and guidance on the appeal process and the procedures to be followed on this website:

<https://educationtribunal.gov.wales/>