

Reference: FOI 874016575

Thank you for your request for information, which was received by Achieving for Children (AfC) on 15/09/2026. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). This response covers the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM).

The Request

This request relates to Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessments, as defined under section 36 of the Children and Families Act 2014.

Please provide the following, broken down by academic year for the three most recent complete academic years (1 September 2022 – 31 August 2023, 1 September 2023 – 31 August 2024, and 1 September 2024 – 31 August 2025):

1. The total number of requests received by achieving for children on behalf of RBWM for an EHC needs assessment.
2. Of those, the number of requests where achieving for children decided not to carry out an EHC needs assessment (i.e. the request was declined/refused).
3. The percentage of total requests that this decline figure represents, for each year.
4. Of the declined requests in each year, how many were subsequently appealed to the SEND Tribunal, and of those, how many resulted in the Tribunal ordering achieving for children / RBWM to carry out an assessment.

If this information is not grouped by academic year, please choose another appropriate annual breakdown, such as calendar year or financial year.

The Response:

	2022	2023	2024	2025
1. Total number of requests received by RBWM for an EHC needs assessment	238	228	302	355

2. Of those, the number of requests where RBWM decided not to carry out an EHC needs assessment (request declined/refused)	103	103	116	161
3. % of total request that the decline figure represents	43.3%	45.2%	38.4%	45.4%
4. Of the declined requests in each year, how many were subsequently appealed to the SEND Tribunal	27	8	16	36
and of those, how many resulted in the Tribunal ordering RBWM to carry out an assessment	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
*2022-2024 data is taken from for Q1,Q2 and Q3				
Published Data				

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Yours sincerely,

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