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Right to appeal to the Education Tribunal for Wales





The Education Tribunal for Wales works independently from:

- Government
- Local authorities
- Schools
- Further Education Institutions (FEIs)

The tribunal hears and decides appeals and applications in relation to children and young people who have or may have additional learning needs (ALN).

Specifically, it hears and decides appeals about the decisions of an FEI or Local Authority in Wales. Tribunal's decisions are legally binding.

The Education Tribunal for Wales provides advice and guidance on the appeal process and procedures to be followed via their website:

www.educationtribunal.gov.wales

A parent can make an appeal to the ETW against certain decisions made by a Welsh Local Authority about their child's ALN. The tribunal may require a local health board to provide evidence and make recommendations to the health board.

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. This person is called a 'case friend'. The case friend must inform the tribunal that they are helping.

The process of developing an Individual Development Plan (IDP) should ensure that your feelings and those of your child are represented. This helps to overcome concerns and prevent disagreements from arising.

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

If you are unable to agree about decisions or provision, there are individual parent partnerships available to support you.

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

Their information and advice line is available Mon-Fri 9:30 am – 4:30 pm.

Visit www.snapcymru.org for more information

If your concerns or disagreements are to do with a service provided by health, your local authority and the designated clinical education lead officer (DECLO) will work together to try to find a solution.

You can also contact the health board directly. Information on the 'putting things right' process can be found here:

More information can be found here:

[NHS Wales complaints and concerns: Putting Things Right | GOV.WALES](#)

[Feedback and Complaints - Public Health Wales](#)



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