



Children and Families Act 2014

2014 CHAPTER 6

PART 3

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN ENGLAND WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OR DISABILITIES

Appeals, mediation and dispute resolution

54 Mediation: educational and social care issues etc

- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) the parent or young person informs the local authority under section 52 that he or she wishes to pursue mediation, and
 - (b) the mediation issues do not include health care provision specified in the plan or the fact that no health care provision, or no health care provision of a particular kind, is specified in the plan.
- (2) The local authority must—
 - (a) arrange for mediation between it and the parent or young person,
 - (b) ensure that the mediation is conducted by an independent person, and
 - (c) participate in the mediation.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, a person is not independent if he or she is employed by a local authority in England.