

## School admissions

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### Key to findings

**MI** = Maladministration and injustice

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**FR** = Further (second) report issued

### 2006/2007

Authority	Ref no	Date/Finding
<b>1. Northamptonshire CC</b>	<b>05B07355</b>	<b>6 April 06 MI</b>
application for girl to transfer to year 5 of new school – council kept reserve list if year 6 group expanded – missed opportunities to tell parent he could apply for year 6 – lost opportunity to appeal – three other parents in similar position had appeals upheld		
<b>2. St Clement Danes School, Chorleywood</b>	<b>06A00825</b>	<b>29 June 06 MI</b>
school refused to accept application for place in Year 10 – breach of legal right to apply and to have appeal if refused – apparent meetings with pupils as part of admission process, conflicting with government code of conduct – governors assured that meetings only took place after place awarded – policy to be amended to reflect practice		
<b>3. Staffordshire CC</b>	<b>05B00448 &amp; 00897</b>	<b>21 September 06 MI</b>
refusal to admit children to nursery school even though 12 places available – right to choose which nursery attended – council applied policy rigidly with insufficient regard to parental choice – fettering discretion		
<b>4. Kingsbury High School, Brent</b>	<b>05A11622</b>	<b>28 September 06 MI</b>
appeal panel met headteacher and school admissions officer before appeals, without appellants present – breach of code of practice – insufficient examination of prejudice issue at appeal – school had already exceeded published limit, but no questions made to school's rep about why appellant's children could not also be admitted		
<b>5. Rosebery School, Epsom</b>	<b>06A03333</b>	<b>6 February 07 MI</b>
appeal panel decisions – change of panel member after first day of appeals – decisions made before remaining appeals were heard – two allowed from first four, only one from 22 remaining – clerk also gave governors' case for prejudice at pre-meeting with appellants – other procedural flaws		

**6. Lady Margaret School, Parsons Green**

**05A05670 & 05A18169**

**22 March 07 MI**

serious faults in admission procedures – not objective or fair – not clear on what basis places were offered or not – appeal panel should have tested application of admission criteria and found it could not see how they were applied, so should have allowed the appeals

**2005/2006**

<b>Authority</b>	<b>Ref no</b>	<b>Date/Finding</b>
<b>1. South Gloucestershire C</b>	<b>04B06411</b>	<b>29 June 05 MI</b>
limit of 20 on infant class size – appeal wrongly dealt with as infant class size prejudice appeal		
<b>2. Doncaster MBC</b>	<b>05C01531, 01672, 02437, 02451 &amp; 02789</b>	<b>30 September 05 M</b>
alleged failure to investigate fraudulent applications for school places – not upheld – flaws in appeal process found in headteacher's involvement, but strong case for prejudice so no injustice (children would still not have been admitted)		
<b>3. Guru Nanak Sikh Secondary School, Hayes</b>	<b>05A00044 &amp; 01683</b>	<b>18 October 05 MI</b>
failure to deal with applications objectively or fairly – evidence required of religious commitment not objective or fair – appeal panel failed to test prejudice – breaches of statutory code of practice		
<b>4. Essex CC</b>	<b>04A05213</b>	<b>27 October 05 MI</b>
application for transfer from primary to secondary school – older brother already a pupil at school – late receipt – put at bottom of waiting list instead of in same order as oversubscription criteria – failure to consider government guidance – fettering discretion		
<b>5. Islamia Primary School, Brondesbury Park</b>	<b>03A11014, 03A11388 &amp; 16838</b>	<b>14 November 05 FR</b>
<b>Further report:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> report issued 8 December 2004		
<b>6. Champion School, Hornchurch</b>	<b>05A04911, 04913, 06959 &amp; 07940</b>	<b>28 November 05 MI</b>
Roman Catholic boys comprehensive – four sets of parents complained – admission criteria on religious commitment not objective, clear and fair – appeal panel failed to test whether criteria applied correctly – application of tie-break clause		
<b>7. Coopers Company &amp; Coborn School, Upminster</b>	<b>05A03766, 03778, 03903, 03916, 04610, 05680, 06481 &amp; 07956</b>	<b>28 November 05 MI</b>
mixed sex Christian comprehensive school – eight sets of parents complained – admission criteria on outside activities & social, medical or special need criticised – criteria not objective, clear and fair – appeal panel failed to test whether criteria applied correctly – one case mal + inj, seven cases mal no inj		
<b>8. Redbridge LB</b>	<b>05A02446</b>	<b>8 December 05 MI</b>
admission appeal not held within statutory 30 days as required by statutory code of practice – five months' delay		
<b>9. Manchester City C</b>	<b>05C00426</b>	<b>19 January 06 MI</b>
secondary schools admissions policy discriminated indirectly against children living outside council area, but in some cases living nearer to the school – contrary to government code of practice		

- 10. Northampton Boys School 05B03822 31 January 06 MI**  
 school had co-educational sixth form – complainants’ daughter applied – failure to set realistic admission number – inaccurate published information – no explanation of oversubscription criteria – use of course guidance meeting as an interview in all but name – failure to provide information in advance of appeal hearing – member of panel was a governor of a school where some appellants attended, should have withdrawn
- 11. Islamia Primary School, Brondesbury Park 04A15754 & 17998 8 February 06 MI**  
 Muslim school – previous report and further report 03A11014, 03A11388 & 16838 – failure to implement published admission arrangements correctly – criteria still not clear, fair and objective-revised policy and criteria not yet provided to Ombudsman – unreasonable delay in making decision to refuse place and then in arranging original appeals and fresh appeals agreed – one fresh appeal upheld
- 12. Kingston upon Thames RB 05B03214 14 February 06 MI**  
 failure to co-ordinate admission arrangements with neighbouring authorities in accordance with published scheme, following computer failure – some parents received more than one offer – failure to run waiting list properly – child wrongly denied place at preferred school – delay in response to LGO investigation
- 13. St John’s Catholic Comprehensive School, Gravesend 05A02672 2 March 06 MI**  
 fault in administration of admissions criteria – applicants who were not catholic and had not attended catholic primary schools – criteria themselves mostly clear and objective
- 14. Leeds City C 05C11366 29 March 06 MI**  
 school closure – council promised all pupils would get place in new academy – academy well oversubscribed and complainant’s son not admitted – anxiety and distress – promise should have been qualified – child got later offer from waiting list
- 15. Dunraven School, Streatham 05B06021, 06027 & 06284 30 March 06 MI**  
 admission appeals – measurement of distance from school – many administrative errors – independence of clerk – information to parents – content of decision letters – timing of hearings – reasons for not offering place – children would still not have been given places

## 2004/2005

Authority	Ref no	Date/Finding
<b>1. Grey Coat Hospital</b>	<b>03A04304</b>	<b>4 May 04 MI</b>
voluntary aided Church of England secondary school – published admissions criteria – child with elder sister at school – judgement made on level of religious commitment		
<b>2. Sandwell MBC</b>	<b>03B08725</b>	<b>25 May 04 MI</b>
<b>Special educational needs:</b> girl with visual impairment – annual review of statement of SEN not carried out – transfer to secondary school – failure to explain process for child with SEN – delay in securing place at preferred school.		
<b>3. Dulwich Village C of E</b>	<b>03B13961</b>	<b>6 July 04 MI</b>
voluntary aided C of E school – active church membership criterion – no clear definition – policy fundamentally flawed – panel not sufficiently independent		

- 4. Southwark LB** **03B09684** **21 September 04 MI**  
 secondary school girl out of school for two years – withdrawn from school re bullying – school’s delay in advising educational welfare service – new school in next borough found, girl refused to return after first day – failure to advise of appeal rights against refusal of places at other schools – parental responsibility for ensuring child’s education – council only partially responsible
- 5. Central Technology College, Grantham** **04C02094** **16 November 04 MI**  
 appeal panel – failure to record discussion of the merits of the case properly, or reason for refusal – college spokesperson had lunch with panel members – one member of panel left after first day but decisions made on third day when he was not present
- 6. Skegness Grammar School** **04C02090** **1 December 04 MI**  
 decision to refuse appeal for girl – governors took account of report provided at their request by school – report not made available to parent – failure to send summary of reasons for refusing appeal – place would not have been offered in any case
- 7. Islamia Primary School** **03A11014, 11388 & 16838** **8 December 04 MI**  
 Muslim primary school – published admission criteria not objective or transparent – failure to explain how applications would be assessed or what evidence to supply – failure to offer equality of access to the verification process – admission decision letter contained inaccurate information and did not explain reasons – serious and fundamental flaws in information sent to appellants by clerk to appeal panel – whole appeal process “questionable” – evidence to panel did not demonstrate class size prejudice or proper implementation of admission arrangements
- 8. Stockton-on-Tees BC** **04C09382** **19 January 05 MI**  
 primary school transfer request outside normal admission times – school attended by elder brother – places allocated by date of application receipt, on first come first served basis – wrong information given led to parents not submitting an application – LGO says date criterion can lead to unfair outcomes where more than one application for a vacancy is received
- 9. Coopers Co & Coborn School, Upminster** **04A02306, 02732, 03053, 03355 & 06902** **1 March 05 MI**  
 admission criteria not “objective, clear and fair” – appeal panel failed to test objectively whether admission criteria applied correctly – failure to define “membership of a world faith” – two children offered places at the school, the others (mal no inj) would not have got places anyway because of distance from school

## 2003/2004

Authority	Ref no	Date/Finding
<b>1. Manchester City C</b>	<b>02C03144</b>	<b>11 December 03 MI</b>
delay in providing alternative schools for three children withdrawn from school – one with special educational needs – appeal requests lost, then delayed – wrong advice given about procedure to get SEN child into new school: also <b>Special educational needs</b>		
<b>2. Leeds City C</b>	<b>03C04706, 04834, 06020-1, 06103 06600, 08213, 08653 &amp; 08973</b>	<b>22 January 04 MI</b>
parents of nine children – appeal panel’s handling of appeals – reliance on evidence not put to parents in advance when accepting council’s case for prejudice – lack of clarity in law over whether prejudice applies only to school in question or to distribution of resources over a wider area – recording of decisions and reasons – desirability of same clerk doing all hearings for one panel		

- 3. Lady Margaret School, Parsons Green**      **02A03544**      **26 February 04 MI**  
admission criteria not objective – no explanation of scores given under each criterion –  
failure to consider membership of appeal panel – failure to follow codes of guidance
- 4. Myton School, Warwick**      **03B02764, 03710 & 04699**      **31 March 04 MI**  
decisions on appeals made on grouped basis unfairly favoured appellants in one part of  
priority area who lived in a village – arbitrary decision to give weight to factors which created  
a distinction not made in published admissions criteria

## 2002/2003

Authority	Ref no	Date/Finding
<b>1. Broomfield School, Enfield</b>	<b>00A05380</b>	<b>8 April 02 MI</b>
appeal against refusal of school place – panel members not trained – no statement of school's case – flawed hearing – no record of reason for decision		
<b>2. Prendergast School, Brockley &amp; Lewisham LB</b>	<b>01B04882, 05062, 05249, 05768-70 01B07583, 07585 &amp; 10652</b>	<b>29 April 02 MI MI</b>
popular school, oversubscribed – admission policy did not conform with government Code of Practice – interviews of children – no fault by appeal panel, but it could not take fair decisions because of admission criteria – council failure to take steps to make school's admissions policy comply		
<b>3. North Yorkshire CC</b>	<b>00C17287, 01C05299, 06870 &amp; 16234</b>	<b>30 May 02 MI</b>
appeal panel – refusal of places at selective grammar school – inappropriate form completed by headteacher – failure to provide information in advance – comparative standard with another selective school – status and remit of panel		
<b>4. East Sussex CC</b>	<b>01A08869</b>	<b>5 June 02 MI</b>
reception class of primary school – distance to school measured by road only, failure to take account of footpath – unreasonable decision of admission authority – appeal panel's failure to consider unreasonableness		
<b>5. St Peter's School, Bournemouth</b>	<b>01B05798 &amp; 09138</b>	<b>11 July 02 MI</b>
chair of appeal panel had connections with school, clergyman who gave mass at school – should not have been on panel		
<b>6. Bradford City C</b>	<b>01C06529 &amp; 08169</b>	<b>15 July 02 NM</b>
multiple allegations on refusal to admit children to new secondary school – admissions criteria; transition to system of single secondary schools; schools admission forum; schools organisation committee; inadequate information in booklet; petition; conduct of appeals – none upheld		
<b>7. Thornton Grammar, Bradford</b>	<b>01C05721, 05954, 06536 &amp; 07306</b>	<b>15 July 02 M</b>
inadequate information about catchment areas – failure to comply with code of practice on admissions – panel wrongly accepted at face value the statement that school was full – clerk's notes destroyed – one parent refused opportunity to appeal – none of the complainants' children likely to have been offered places anyway		
<b>8. Drayton Manor High, Ealing</b>	<b>01A03034 &amp; 04081</b>	<b>22 October 02 MI</b>
appeals against refusal of admission to Year 7 – failure by Governors and Panel to comply with codes of practice		

9. **Baines, Poulton-le-Fylde**                      **02C02664**    **28 October 02 M**  
 application of admissions criteria – inclusion of criterion of parent’s connection with the school – consideration of case by appeal panel – allegations not upheld – but panel applied the wrong question regarding prejudice to efficient education
10. **Plymouth City C**                                      **02B04491**    **27 November 02 MI**  
 girl passed 11+ exam despite special needs, hearing impairment & illness – refused place at school of choice – appeal refused – failure to have separate appeals for two different grammar schools – failure to consider special circumstances

**2001/2002**

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| 1. <b>Lambeth LB &amp; Southwark LB</b>   | <b>99A05064<br/>00A06619</b>   | <b>30 April 01 MI<br/>MI</b> |
| <b>Special educational needs:</b> transfer of boy with special educational needs from primary to secondary school – Lambeth delay in reassessing needs and issuing revised statement naming school in Southwark – Southwark gave incorrect information about availability of places, failed to explain why it would not admit boy to school, and delayed in arranging admission |  |                              |
| 2. <b>St Clement Danes, Chorleywood</b>   | <b>00B03593</b>  | <b>24 May 01 MI</b>          |
| failure to provide grounds for refusal of place under one admission criterion – affected preparation for appeal – inaccurate measurement of distance from home to school led to admission of two pupils who lived further away  |  |                              |
| 3. <b>Isle of Wight C</b>   | <b>00B04686 &amp; 11286</b>  | <b>12 July 01 MI</b>         |
| out of area applications – refused places even though places available at closing date – council telephoned parents who had not returned a form, prompting more admissions – would have been more vacancies for out of area children  |  |                              |
| 4. <b>Southwark LB</b>  | <b>98A05367</b>  | <b>21 August 01 MI</b>       |
| <b>School exclusions:</b> appeal against exclusion from school – panel’s decision reached in a reasonable way – refusal of a place at another school – failure to respond about place at school led to delay in admission   |  |                              |
| 5. <b>Laisterdyke High, Bradford</b>  | <b>01C03800, 03945, 04169, 04180, 04507-8,<br/>04873, 04877, 04879, 04924, 05324 &amp; 05328</b> | <b>12 December 01 M</b>      |
| catalogue of fault in conduct of appeal hearings – inadequate case to panel about class numbers – no firm conclusion reached by panel – inadequate notice – no training for clerk or panel members – inappropriate role of clerk  |  |                              |
| 6. <b>Blue Coat, Wavertree</b>  | <b>01C06313</b>  | <b>21 January 02 LS</b>      |
| <b>Local settlement report</b> – appeal panel included only two members – papers not circulated in time – applicants prevented from presenting case properly – new appeal hearing offered   |  |                              |
| 7. <b>Coopers’ &amp; Coborn, Upminster</b>  | <b>01A03929</b>  | <b>27 February 02 LS</b>     |
| <b>Local settlement report</b> – use of interviews to assess children for school against Code of Practice – criterion on child’s outside interests – not tested fairly or objectively   |  |                              |
| 8. <b>Wirral MBC</b>  | <b>01C07352</b>  | <b>14 March 02 LS</b>        |
| <b>Local settlement report</b> – brothers moved into area – delay in offering school place for one son who lost six months education – no offer made for second son, out of school for a year   |  |                              |



**2000/2001**

Authority	Ref no	Date/Finding
1. York City C	99C01876-7, 02048, 02262, 03434, 03557, 03559 & 03561	26 April 00 MI
unauthorised offers of places to five children made by headteacher – withdrawn – places reinstated – conflict between headteacher and LEA – other children top of waiting list not given places		
2. Roseacre Junior, Maidstone	99A01972	20 July 00 MI
transfer from feeder school to junior – failure to give preference in accordance with admission criteria – untrained appeal committee		
3. Northamptonshire CC	99B04658	24 July 00 MI
bullied child – refusal of place at new school – appeal upheld conditional on proof of purchase of home in school catchment area – panel exceeded powers in attaching condition		
4. Tameside MBC	00C00832	25 September 00 LS
<b>Local settlement report</b> – boy with statement of SEN – council offered wrong form of appeal against school allocation: also <b>Special educational needs</b>		
5. North Yorkshire CC	99C05295, 05560-3, 05577, 05610, 05829, 05881 & 05935	28 September 00 LS
<b>Local settlement report</b> – appeal panel wrongly used criminal burden of proof (beyond reasonable doubt) rather than civil burden of proof (balance of probabilities) when making decisions		
6. Rochdale MBC	00C05391-2	5 December 00 LS
<b>Local settlement report</b> – panel did not seek sufficient evidence to justify conclusion that school was full		
7. Finchley Catholic High School	99A01723	30 January 01 MI
failure to consider criterion which said that parents applying from outside borough would not be penalised for applying to other schools		
8. Dane Court Grammar, Broadstairs	00B03812	14 March 01 MI
appeal procedure badly administered causing difficulty for parent in preparing appeal		

**1999/2000**

Authority	Ref no	Date/Finding
1. Kingston upon Hull City C	98C01605	27 April 99 NM
2. Kingston upon Hull City C	98C01705	27 April 99 NM
3. Kingston upon Hull City C	98C02173	27 April 99 NM
4. Kingston upon Hull City C	98C02240	27 April 99 NM
5. Kingston upon Hull City C	98C02610	27 April 99 NM
6. Kingston upon Hull City C	98C02769	27 April 99 NM
above six reports issued together – secondary school admissions – advice of revised procedure following court case – alleged denial of ability to apply to more than one school		
7. Brighton & Hove C	98A01326	18 May 99 NM
appeal – twin sons – junior school – applicant knew one member, a local councillor		





- 3. John Henry Newman School, Stevenage**  
**98B00120-1, 00334, 00367, 00392, 00458, 00530, 00959 & 00961** **27 October 98 MI**  
 RC grant-maintained school – children admitted who did not fulfil over-subscription criteria – committee misinterpreted admission arrangements and failed to inform itself – first 7 cases mal + inj, last 2 M no inj
- 4. Rochdale MBC** **98C01370** **12 January 99 M**  
 inadequate case for prejudice – undue account taken of admission limits
- 5. Cumbria CC** **98C02730** **14 January 99 MI**  
 appeal wrongly refused on ground that difficult relationship existed between school & parents
- 6. Baverstock School, Birmingham**  
**98C01521** **18 January 99 MI**  
 failure to test governors' argument – irrelevant considerations taken into account – wrong attitude of "what would the child bring to the school?" – late vacancy on committee filled by inappropriate person
- 7. Wallace Fields Junior, Ewell** **98B00796, 01042, 01463 & 01658** **25 January 99 LS**  
**Local settlement report** – governor sitting on appeal committee also presented the school's case
- 8. Cheshire CC** **97C04888** **9 February 99 MI**  
 child excluded – missed one term of school – exclusion should not have led to delay in responding to parental preference for new school: also **School exclusions**
- 9. Hertfordshire CC** **98B00685** **16 February 99 MI**  
 boy illegally turned away from school on first day – education through pupil referral unit
- 10. Oldham MBC** **98C01481** **8 March 99 M**  
 number of reserved places for children who might move into area – distance to school
- 11. Kingston upon Hull City C** **98C01276** **11 March 99 NM**
- 12. Kingston upon Hull City C** **98C01315** **11 March 99 NM**
- 13. Kingston upon Hull City C** **98C01316** **11 March 99 NM**
- 14. Kingston upon Hull City C** **98C01747** **11 March 99 NM**
- 15. Kingston upon Hull City C** **98C02768** **11 March 99 NM**  
 above five reports identical – all girls school – unique catchment area – court judgement forced council to amend procedure quickly – complaints from parents outside catchment area not upheld
- 16. Kingston upon Hull City C** **98C02945** **11 March 99 NM**  
 change of admission procedure following court judgement – alleged failure to advise
- 17. St Mary's High, Cheshunt** **98B00856 & 01721** **17 March 99 MI**  
 procedural flaws – additional information not known to all appellants – no opportunity to challenge school's case – one child would have been allocated place if the application had not been wrongly addressed – inadequate consideration to parental choice – perception of appellant as aggressive wrongly taken into account
- 18. Bolton MBC** **98C01311** **24 March 99 LS**  
**Local settlement report** – failure to apply admission criteria – effectively operating catchment areas while stating it did not have such a policy

**19. St Nicholas RC Primary, Sutton Coldfield****98C01498, 01591 & 01593****31 March 99 M**

failure to present fully case for denial of parental preference – possible misunderstanding of basis for testing case – decision about effect of extra admissions taken too early

**1997/1998**

<b>Authority</b>	<b>Ref no</b>	<b>Date/Finding</b>
<b>1. Notre Dame School, Lambeth</b>	<b>95A01033</b>	<b>17 April 97 MI</b>
catholic grant maintained school appeal cttee – information about procedure – notes of proceedings – notification letter		
<b>2. St Thomas More School, Chelsea</b>	<b>95A00929</b>	<b>17 April 97 MI</b>
catholic voluntary aided school appeal cttee – information about school's case – two stage procedure not followed		
<b>3. Salford City C</b>	<b>95C01721</b>	<b>28 May 97 FR</b>
<b>Further report</b> – 1st report issued 21 October 1996		
<b>4. Coventry City C</b>	<b>96B01544</b>	<b>24 July 97 MI</b>
admission refused on basis of not closest school – shorter route to school not identified		
<b>5. St Peter's RC High, Gloucester</b>	<b>96B00503</b>	<b>28 July 97 MI</b>
catholic voluntary aided comprehensive appeal committee – failure to comply with Code – role of clerk performed by chair of committee		
<b>6. Kingston upon Hull City C</b>	<b>96C03692-3</b>	<b>5 August 97 M</b>
prejudice to efficient use of resources elsewhere taken into account – no written statement of council's case		
<b>7. Skegness Grammar School</b>	<b>97C01143</b>	<b>19 August 97 D-NM</b>
<b>Discontinuation report: No maladministration</b> – quorum of committee – anomaly for one type of school		
<b>8. Trafford MBC</b>	<b>96C02783</b>	<b>30 September 97 MI</b>
grammar school – irrelevant considerations taken into account – relevant evidence ignored		
<b>9. Calderdale MC</b>	<b>96C01737</b>	<b>23 October 97 MI</b>
admission appeal – grammar schools – circumstances not taken into account properly – refusal of all preferences		
<b>10. Hayes School, Bromley</b>	<b>97A00821</b>	<b>8 December 97 MI</b>
grant maintained school – committee did not understand two-stage process – procedural faults		
<b>11. Barnsley MBC</b>	<b>97C01450-1, 01488, 01576, 01697-8 &amp; 02045</b>	<b>22 January 98 MI</b>
seven complaints – primary school – non-attendance of head teacher at appeals		
<b>12. Bullers Wood, Chislehurst</b>	<b>97A01007, 01028, 01036 &amp; 01486</b>	<b>18 March 98 MI</b>
four complainants – grant-maintained school – chair presented school's case – other procedural faults		

**1996/1997**

<b>Authority</b>	<b>Ref no</b>	<b>Date/Finding</b>
<b>1. Barnsley MBC</b> admission limits – misleading information – appeal	<b>94C02943</b>	<b>2 July 96 M</b>
<b>2. St Edmunds RC Wolverhampton</b> <b>Further report</b> – 1st report 31 January 1996	<b>95B01501</b>	<b>16 July 96 FR</b>
<b>3. St Mary's West Derby C of E</b> voluntary aided school – provision of information – two stage process	<b>96C00927</b>	<b>9 October 96 MI</b>
<b>4. Liverpool City C</b> member of governing body on appeal committee	<b>96C01511</b>	<b>17 October 96 MI</b>
<b>5. Liverpool City C</b> member of governing body on appeal committee	<b>96C01546</b>	<b>17 October 96 MI</b>
<b>6. Salford City C</b> equal opportunity to parents – later appeals had advantage	<b>95C01721</b>	<b>21 October 96 MI</b>
<b>7. Bury MBC</b> school prepared to accept larger number – unrealistic raising of expectations	<b>96C01237, 01344, 01424-5, 01449, 01494 &amp; 02599</b>	<b>19 November 96 MI</b>
<b>8. Leeds City C</b> admission limit in process of being raised – committee misdirected itself on prejudice	<b>95C01379-80, 01386 &amp; 01554</b>	<b>21 November 96 MI</b>
<b>9. Manston St James, Leeds</b> admission limit – headteacher & governors willing to accept more – intervention of appeal panel clerk	<b>96C00941, 01746, 02610 &amp; 02758</b>	<b>12 December 96 MI</b>
<b>10. Barnsley MBC</b> failure to present argument about prejudice	<b>96C00797</b>	<b>17 December 96 MI</b>
<b>11. Kingston upon Hull City C</b> <b>&amp; Humberside CC</b> ten complaints – failure to present argument about prejudice	<b>96C01448, 01450, 01468, 01534, 01583-4, 01587, 01646, 01751 &amp; 01753</b> <b>96C02055-64</b>	<b>17 December 96 M</b>
<b>12. Lincolnshire CC</b> selective grammar school – out-of-county pupil	<b>95C02263</b>	<b>17 December 96 M</b>
<b>13. Langley Park Boys, Beckenham</b> grant maintained school – two-stage process – prejudice not proven – change of circumstances – non-attendance of clerk – decision letters inadequate	<b>96A01034 &amp; 01040</b>	<b>14 January 97 MI</b>
<b>14. Wigan Deanery High School</b> voluntary aided school – membership of committee – non-disclosure of documents	<b>96C00509-10, 00598, 00748 &amp; 01002</b>	<b>28 January 97 M</b>
<b>15. Sefton MBC</b> timing of decision about prejudice	<b>95C01295, 01489 &amp; 02475</b>	<b>30 January 97 M</b>

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| <b>16. Sheffield City C</b>  | <b>96C01997</b> | <b>17 February 97 NM</b> |
| decision not to follow Code of Practice – governor on appeal committee   |                 |                          |
| <b>17. Archbishop Blanch, Liverpool</b>  | <b>96C02859</b> | <b>20 February 97 MI</b> |
| voluntary aided C of E school, all girls except sixth form – Muslim parent wanted daughter to go to all girls school for religious reasons – failure to test governors’ case |                 |                          |
| <b>18. Doncaster MBC</b>   | <b>96C01517</b> | <b>6 March 97 M</b>      |
| officers remained with appeal committee in absence of parents  |                 |                          |

## 1995/1996

Authority	Ref no	Date/Finding
<b>1. Humberside CC</b>	<b>93C01572 &amp; 02070</b>	<b>12 April 95 M</b>
limit raised after appeals		
<b>2. Salford City C</b>	<b>94C01717</b>	<b>18 May 95 MI</b>
failure to consider evidence		
<b>3. Trafford MBC</b>	<b>94C01707</b>	<b>17 August 95 MI</b>
moving into area – failure to advise of need to provide proof of residence		
<b>4. St Mary’s, Ilkley</b>	<b>93C04368, 94C00350 &amp; 00940</b>	<b>31 August 95 NM</b>
voluntary aided school		
<b>5. Liverpool City C</b>	<b>94C01282</b>	<b>7 September 95 M</b>
two stage process -improper consideration of additional information		
<b>6. Liverpool City C</b>	<b>94C01285</b>	<b>7 September 95 M</b>
two stage process -improper consideration of additional information		
<b>7. Liverpool City C</b>	<b>94C01286</b>	<b>7 September 95 M</b>
two stage process -improper consideration of additional information		
<b>8. Wirral MBC</b>	<b>93C01733</b>	<b>24 October 95 M</b>
information on admission criteria inadequate – proper procedure not followed on appeal		
<b>9. Wirral MBC</b>	<b>93C02088</b>	<b>24 October 95 M</b>
information on admission criteria inadequate – no mal on conduct of appeal		
<b>10. Wirral MBC</b>	<b>93C02540</b>	<b>24 October 95 M</b>
information on admission criteria inadequate – no mal on conduct of appeal		
<b>11. Wirral MBC</b>	<b>93C03280</b>	<b>24 October 95 MI</b>
information on admission criteria inadequate – child lost place at school – proper procedure not followed in one of two appeals		
<b>12. Yorkshire Martyrs</b>	<b>94C03276</b>	<b>8 November 95 MI</b>
failure to take Secretary of State’s guidance into account		
<b>13. West Hatch High</b>	<b>94B02080</b>	<b>30 November 95 MI</b>
grant maintained school – procedural shortcomings		
<b>14. St Edmund’s RC, Wolves</b>	<b>95B01501</b>	<b>31 January 96 MI</b>
voluntary aided school – procedural shortcomings		

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| <b>15. Rotherham MBC</b>                                   | <b>95C02111</b> | <b>6 March 96 M</b>  |
| transfer to new school – inconsistency of appeal committee |                 |                      |
| <b>16. Blue Coat, Liverpool</b>                            | <b>95C01811</b> | <b>21 March 96 M</b> |
| voluntary aided school – no clerk – untrained committee    |                 |                      |

## 1994/1995

Authority	Ref no	Date/Finding
<b>1. Avon CC</b>	<b>93B01239</b>	<b>24 June 94 MI</b>
application for preferred grammar school – no account taken of frequent changes of school when assessing standard – failure to act on letter from head teacher which would have led to offer of a place		
<b>2. Avon CC</b>	<b>92B01340</b>	<b>30 June 94 MI</b>
refusal to hear an appeal against refusal of place at a grammar school on the basis that it would repeat previous year's appeal – government guidance Circular 11/88 said it should be treated as new appeal		
<b>3. St Mary's C of E Primary, West Derby, Liverpool</b>	<b>94C01080 &amp; 01133</b>	<b>22 December 94 MI</b>
appeal committee allowed all appeals against refusal of places in June 1994 – 44 children admitted to reception class where 30 was limit set – committee not trained – failure to follow procedures – irrelevant issues taken into account		
<b>4. Tameside MBC</b>	<b>92C01582</b>	<b>26 January 95 NM</b>
preference for single sex school – daughter allocated to third choice co-ed school – inconsistency in applying procedure led to difficulty in obtaining place at second choice school ie simultaneous, as opposed to sequential, appeals		
<b>5. Hertfordshire CC</b>	<b>93B00719, 01204, 01403, 01519 &amp; 01823</b>	<b>13 February 95 MI</b>
secondary school transfers – four of five complaints re preference for single sex school – ambiguous published criteria – inadequate guidance for parents – supplementary criteria used but not published or advised to parents, nor approved by members		
<b>6. Durham CC</b>	<b>93C01797</b>	<b>28 February 95 M</b>
members of committee had not understood concept of 'prejudice' at stage 1 of appeal		
<b>7. Humberside CC</b>	<b>94C01638, 01681 &amp; 01683-91</b>	<b>29 March 95 M</b>
parental preference denied – shortcomings in handling of appeals did not affect decision that efficient education would be prejudiced		
<b>8. Clitheroe Royal Grammar</b>	<b>93C02537</b>	<b>29 March 95 MI</b>
wrongful refusal to assess suitability of child for admission – failure to use two stage process – clerk absent during appeal		

## 1993/1994

Authority	Ref no	Date/Finding
<b>1. Tower Hamlets LB &amp; ILEA</b>	<b>91A00343 91A00345</b>	<b>20 April 93 MI</b>
<b>School transport:</b> assistance with transport – failure to provide information on schools to non-English speaking parents		

**2. Hertfordshire CC**

**92B01810, 01362 & 01423**

**22 October 93 MI**

**3. Haringey LB**

**92A02367**

**5 November 93 M**