# **School exclusions**

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# **Key to findings**

MI = Maladministration and injusticeM = Maladministration, but no injustice

**NM** = No maladministration found

LS = Local settlement report (until 31 March 2003)

## 2007/2008

Authority Ref no Date/Finding

#### 1. Stockport MBC

06C06190

27 March 08 MI

boy with statement of special ed needs – behavioural difficulties – school only allowed him one day a week but did not make exclusion formal – circumvented rights of appeal etc – council failed to act even though it knew boy was not attending school – failed to reassess despite recommendations of educational psychologist and consultant psychiatrist and school saying it could not meet boy's needs: also **Special educational needs** 

#### 2006/2007

Authority Ref no Date/Finding

none

# 2005/2006

Authority Ref no Date/Finding

#### 1. Greenwich LB

04B01890

29 September 05 MI

boy with behavioural difficulties – excluded from secondary school – mechanisms to prevent exclusion of pupils with special educational needs did not operate properly – failure to meet parent, delay in arranging hearing, failure to meet parent after hearing – failure to monitor home tuition – failure to provide education at all for two months – failure to find mainstream place: also **Special educational needs** 

#### 2. Torbay C

04B15454

12 January 06 MI

boy excluded from school – failure to provide education – failure to deal with applications for new school place in accordance with procedures - delay in obtaining place – half a term of school missed

#### 2004/2005

Authority Ref no Date/Finding

1. Devon CC 03B04199 25 October 04 MI

complaint from child - 'looked after' boy in care of Wokingham Council, living in Devon - emotional and behavioural difficulties - proper procedures not followed when excluded from school - failure to provide education out of school for two years: also **Special educational needs** 

### 2003/2004

Authority Ref no Date/Finding

none

2002/2003

Authority Ref no Date/Finding

none

2001/2002

Authority Ref no Date/Finding

1. Southwark LB 98A05367 21 August 01 MI

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: also **School admissions** 

2. Manchester City C 00C08896

25 March 02 LS

**Special educational needs: Local settlement report** - exclusion of boy with special educational needs - inadequate provision - failure to reassess - failure to provide education for six months

### 2000/2001

Authority Ref no Date/Finding

1. St Christopher's High, 99C02819 31 May 00 MI

**Accrington** 

appeal failed to consider government guidance - no committee could reasonably have concluded exclusion was appropriate

2. Sheffield City C 99C01823

29 June 00 LS

**Special educational needs: Local settlement report** - provision for education after child excluded from school for children with emotional and behavioural difficulties - waiting for medical diagnosis - failure to review & make provision

3. Sheffield City C 99C02633

29 June 00 LS

**Special educational needs: Local settlement report** - provision for education after child excluded from school - confusion over responsibility for assessment and issuing a statement - child did not received education and support

4. Chalfonts Community College 99B00959

6 September 00 MI

appeal committee – exclusion for alleged possession of drugs – reliance on hearsay – failure to check incorrect school evidence – fettering discretion by school policy – failure to communicate decision and reasons within time scale – failure to take opportunity to put errors right

# 1999/2000

Authority Ref no Date/Finding

St Michael's High, Watford 97B01981 6 April 99 M failure in distribution of papers - but committee did have time to consider

2. Barking & Dagenham LB

97A01080

28 May

**Special educational needs**: child with learning difficulties excluded from school - home tuition provided - alleged failures to meet provision specified in statement

3. Doncaster MBC 98C02897 14 July 99 MI

boy excluded for violent behaviour - serious incident with airgun - decision to place boy in special unit - no place available - unsatisfactory arrangements for home tuition - delay in actioning risk assessment before return to mainstream school

4. Manchester City C 98C02427

28 October 99 MI

girl with behavioural difficulties excluded following violent incident - delay in securing alternative school & making provision - inadequate information and support: also **Special educational needs** 

5. Birmingham City C 98C02101

28 October 99 LS

**Local settlement report** - boy with emotional & behavioural disorder temporarily excluded from special school - never readmitted, parent had no opportunity to appeal - delay in arranging for transfer to mainstream school - inadequate provision during excluded period: also **Special educational needs** 

6. Liverpool City C 98C03226

28 October 99 MI

boy with epilepsy & attention deficit disorder with hyperactivity excluded for violent behaviour - may errors - indefinite exclusion not permissible - parent not informed of right of appeal - 18 months loss of education - failure to review statement: also **Special educational needs** 

7. Cheshire CC 98C04220 28 March 00 LS

**Local settlement report** - permanent exclusion of boy - shortcomings in evidence and information to committee - the way the school dealt with the incident contravened Appeals Code and school's policy on drug use and abuse

1998/1999

Authority Ref no Date/Finding

1. Newcastle-upon-Tyne City C 97C02619

27 May 98 MI

**Special educational needs**: special education not provided to excluded boy - part of provision target to behaviour not provided when at school

2. Stockton-on-Tees BC 97C03317

27 August 98 M

appeal following permanent exclusion - presentation of additional evidence - provision of education after exclusion: also **Special educational needs** 

3. St Hilda's CE High, Liverpool 97C05075

29 October 98 MI

permanent exclusion - failure to satisfy itself that allegations were proven and that exclusion was a reasonable response

4. South Gloucestershire DC 97B04867

15 December 98 MI

**Special educational needs**: child with learning difficulties excluded from school - statemented provision no longer effective - council failed to review statement or consider home tuition

5. St Anselm's College, Wirral 98C00384

16 December 98 LS

**Local settlement report** - initial exclusion for alleged extortion - exclusion confirmed for other reasons - appeal committee wrongly considered extortion allegation again

6. Cheshire CC 97C04888 9 February 99 MI

**School admissions**: child excluded for using & supplying cannabis - missed one term of school - exclusion should not have led to delay in responding to parental preference for new school

1997/1998

Authority Ref no Date/Finding

 Nottinghamshire CC 96C02779 22 January 98 M delay in arranging alternative schooling - child absent from school for entire final year

## 1996/1997

Authority Ref no Date/Finding

Noel Baker School, Derby 96C00729

 exclusion for fighting - failure to hold fair hearing

2. La Retraite School, London 95A04400 31 October 96 NM exclusion for truancy and drinking alcohol - code of practice for conduct of appeal

3. Newham LB 94A02147 16 January 97 MI Special educational needs: exclusion - request for SEN assessment - delay in seeking school place & offering home tuition

### 1995/1996

Authority Ref no Date/Finding

Manchester City C 93C03220 6 June 95 MI failure to make provision for boy excluded from school - headteacher of one school refused him admission without authority - 19 months' education lost

### 1994/1995

Authority Ref no Date/Finding

1. Barking & Dagenham LB

92A03615

31 May

21 October 96 MI

**Special educational needs:** provision of special education after child excluded - not informed of right to appeal

2. Sandwell MBC 93C00760 17 June 94 MI child excluded - formal procedures not followed - parent denied right of appeal

3. Kent CC 92A03573 7 July 94 MI

**Special educational needs:** child excluded - failure to advise of right of appeal against refusal of a place at another school - delay in arranging home tuition - failed to take action when no school place available - failure to finalise statement

4. Avon CC 92B00961 22 August 94 MI

**Special educational needs:** failure to identify special needs of two brothers - elder son excluded without assessment of problems - unreasonable delay in issuing statement for younger son

Newcastle upon Tyne City C
 Special educational needs: delay in making provision following boy's exclusion from school

6. Lancashire CC 93C00824 17 January 95 M failure to deal properly with permanent exclusion for non-attendance - failure to re-consult governors or consider readmission - delay in seeking another school place - boy with special ed needs: also Special educational needs

7. Enfield LB 94A00015 22 March 95 MI Special educational needs: delay in assessment and provision of statement - son excluded

8. Bromley LB 93A02413 30 March 95 MI

**Special educational needs:** failure to arrange residential placement for excluded boy - delay in issuing statement

1993/1994

Authority Ref no Date/Finding

1. Lambeth LB 91A02929 23 August 93 MI child excluded - appeal not dealt with properly: also Special educational needs

2. Wirral MBC 92C01955 10 February 94 MI

child excluded - statutory procedure not followed