



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—
- the parent or young person informs the local authority under section 52 that he or she wishes to pursue mediation, and
 - 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—
- arrange for mediation between it and the parent or young person,
 - ensure that the mediation is conducted by an independent person, and
 - 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.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 54(1)(a)(2)(a) modified (1.9.2014) by [The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1530\)](#), regs. 1, 64(1)(b), 64(2), **Sch. 3 Pt. 2**

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Commencement Information

- II** [S. 54](#) in force at 1.9.2014 by [S.I. 2014/889](#), [art. 7\(a\)](#) (with savings and transitional provisions in S.I. 2014/2270 (as amended (1.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/505 and (1.9.2015) by S.I. 2015/1619)

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