

the GBDC's decision is given;

- where and to whom you should send your application for a review and your written evidence;
- that your application should set out the reasons for requesting a review and that, where appropriate, this should include a reference to how the pupil's SEN are considered to be relevant to the exclusion;
- that, regardless of whether your child has recognised SEN, you have the right to require the local authority/academy trust to appoint an SEN expert to advise the review panel;
- that you may, at your own expense, appoint someone to make written and/or oral representations to the panel.
- That, in addition to the right to apply for an independent review panel, if you believe that there has been unlawful discrimination in relation to the exclusion that you may make a claim under the Equality Act 2010 to the First-tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability) in the case of disability discrimination, or the County Court, in the case of other forms of discrimination.

What rights do I have challenge the GBDC's decision

If the GBDC agrees with the decision to exclude all is not lost. You can ask for an Independent Review Panel (IRP) to review the governing body's decision.

The council or the academy trust, if your child was at an academy, must make arrangements for the IRP to review the decision.

You can ask for a review by an IRP even if you did not make representations at the GBDC's meeting.

You must send your application for a review to the name and address given in the GBDC's decision letter within 15 days from the date of the letter telling you of their decision. In your application you should explain in full why you think the GBDC's decision is wrong and ask for a SEN expert.

You can expect the review by the IRP to take place within 15 days from the date of your application.

If you would like support following your child's exclusion please contact us

There is Government Guidance on school exclusions for schools and parents:

[Department for Education \(DfE\) – Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units \(PRUs\) in England \(as at Sept 2017 including more](#)