

Educational Psychology Service – Addendum to Schools Forum Report (November 2016)

Following attendance at Schools Forum, I would like to share a broader range of data in relation to Statutory Advice and EP SLA report turnaround, so that Headteachers can see the differences between 2014-15 data and that for 2015-16. The EPS continues to work extremely hard to turnaround advice / reports within agreed timeframes.

Please Note: After involvement with an individual child or young person, the EP will routinely offer to facilitate a ‘Next Steps’ meeting at which parents / carers, class teacher and / or SENCo, the EP and the young people (where appropriate) can consider next steps and possible interventions / classroom strategies for school staff to implement. The Next Steps meeting allows all present to agree individualised support arrangements for the young person. In most cases the EP report is essentially a paper record of what is shared and agreed at this meeting. It is therefore not necessary for a school to have the EP report before acting on the agreed ‘Next Steps’.

| % on time | Sept 2014 | Oct 2014 | Nov 2014 | Dec 2014 | Jan 2015 | Feb 2015 | Mar 2015 | Apr 2015 | May 2015 | Jun 2015 | July 2015 | Aug 2015 |
|---|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| EP reports (within 4 weeks) | 55% | 90% | 55% | 65% | 50% | 50% | 40% | 20% | 89% | 64% | 71% | 3% |
| Statutory Advice (meeting SARS deadline) | 75% | 80% | 65% | 100% | 80% | 100% | 20% | 17% | 36% | 67% | 70% | 79% |
| Under new management from September 2015 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| % on time | Sept 2015 | Oct 2015 | Nov 2015 | Dec 2015 | Jan 2016 | Feb 2016 | Mar 2016 | Apr 2016 | May 2016 | Jun 2016 | July 2016 | Aug 2016 |
| EP reports (within 4 weeks) | 91% | 90% | 90% | 91% | 71% | 82% | 34% * | 100% | 86% | 79% | 46% ** | 31% ** |
| Statutory Advice (meeting SARS deadline) | 100% | 96% | 90% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 91% | 93% | 83% | 75% | 100% | 100% |

* March 2016 – approx. 50% of all reports late due to agreed submission after the Easter holidays.

** July to August 2016 – approx. 50% of all reports late due to agreed submission after the Summer holidays.

Looking at the above data it is evident that there is an improved turnaround in Statutory Advice across the year and a significantly higher number of SLA reports going out within 3 or 4 weeks. It is also evident that EPs struggle with report turnaround mostly in March and July / August. The challenge in March often relates to pressures in delivering all SLA (including additional buy-in) by the end of the financial year and in the Summer Term the challenge is largely explained by 50% of requests for Statutory Advice being received in the Summer Term. The March and July / August figures also reflect the reduction in Service activity due to the Easter and summer holiday periods. Please note that agreed exceptions and reports late for reasons outside of EP control are reported as late in this data.