

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE – 8 NOVEMBER 2022**

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Question asked by Jane Williams

“Panels make decisions on the lives of disabled children and can be the difference between getting the provision they need or not. Because these panels are so important to disabled children, can you confirm or deny if minutes are taken at all panel meetings and what the minimum required SEND law training for someone to be part of a panel?”

Response by the Chairman

The Local Authority are required to make a number of decisions relating to the SEND. In making these decisions, the Council is required to follow the relevant legislation and the related guidance set out in the [SEND Code of Practice \(2015\)](#).

There is no requirement for the Council to establish any Panel mechanism to make the above decisions. However, in common with most other local authorities, Leicestershire County Council have established a number of Panels to make these decisions. All decisions made by the Panel are recorded, communicated to parents/carers and added to the child’s case file.

There is no minimum training requirement for Panel members, but each person will be professionally qualified in their own field.

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