

**Council Questions 8.7****LONDON BOROUGH OF SUTTON  
QUESTIONS: STANDING ORDER 8.7****1. Question asked by Liz Tuffey to Councillor Marian James, Chair of the People Committee**

Are parents and teachers right to trust the council with decisions made about their children and pupils with special needs?

**2. Question asked by Hayley Harding to Councillor Marian James, Chair of the People Committee**

Following Sutton EHCP Crisis campaign groups petition to the Council asking for a full review of the EHCP process for SEN families, only Cognus's contribution is being reviewed.

Why is this when it is the local authority that has the statutory obligation to these children and it has a major part to play in this too?

**3. Question asked by Dr Alan Courtney to Councillor Marian James, Chair of the People Committee**

Given that the national average EHCP refusal to assess rate is approximately 23%, and that Sutton's EHCP refusal to assess rate has been consistently at least twice as high, even above 60%, does the LA have significant concerns that its current procedures are not in the interests of vulnerable SEND residents and their families and denying them what they are lawfully entitled to?

**4. Question asked by Michelle Hewson to Councillor Marian James, Chair of the People Committee**

When will the updated guidance for those applying for EHCP Assessments be issued to SENCOs?

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