

## **Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission**

**16th March 2026**

**Follow up information requests from 10th February 2026.**

**1. The number of appeals of the Medical Needs Assessment process - and how many of these have been successful? (For brevity - perhaps just the last full financial / calendar year);**

Medical Appeals (2025/26: 01/04/2025 to 17/02/26): We have received 104 medical appeals, of which 38 (36%) were overturned in the applicant's favour.

During 2024/25 and 2025/26, there has been a high turnover of Occupational Therapists on the Medical team.

**2. The number of successful home swaps/ transfers for households moving out of borough (For brevity - perhaps just the last full financial / calendar year);**

The number of successful home swaps/ transfers for households moving out of borough (for the last full financial/calendar year), the totals for the 2024/2025 financial year are as follows:

- 41 Successful Mutual Exchange Swaps
- 23 Out of Borough (inclusive of either moving to other boroughs in London or outside London)

**3. Further data on [Disabled Facilities Grant](#) uptake and usage in Hackney? What is the value of grants available locally - is this a fixed annual pot? The report suggests that the Disabled Facilities Grant is being updated - can officers set out what changes are being implemented? Are families of children with SEND utilising this grant?**

Attached as the following report.