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In addition, the disclosed QA framework confirms that EP advice is rated using a RAG system and that ratings are aggregated for service-wide QA reporting, and that the criteria are intentionally aligned with the SEND EHCP QA Audit Tool used by SEND colleagues.

Please therefore clarify:

1. How the authority reconciles its statement that no service may require amendments with the mandatory amendment process described in the QA email.

Suffolk County Council follows a QA process that can request amendments from within the EP Service.

2. Whether EP advice can be withheld from submission to the EHCNA process until QA amendments have been completed.

No

3. Which role or job title has authority to apply the RAG ratings and request amendments.

Senior Educational Psychologist

4. Whether the SEND team or EHCP drafting team can request amendments through this QA process.

No