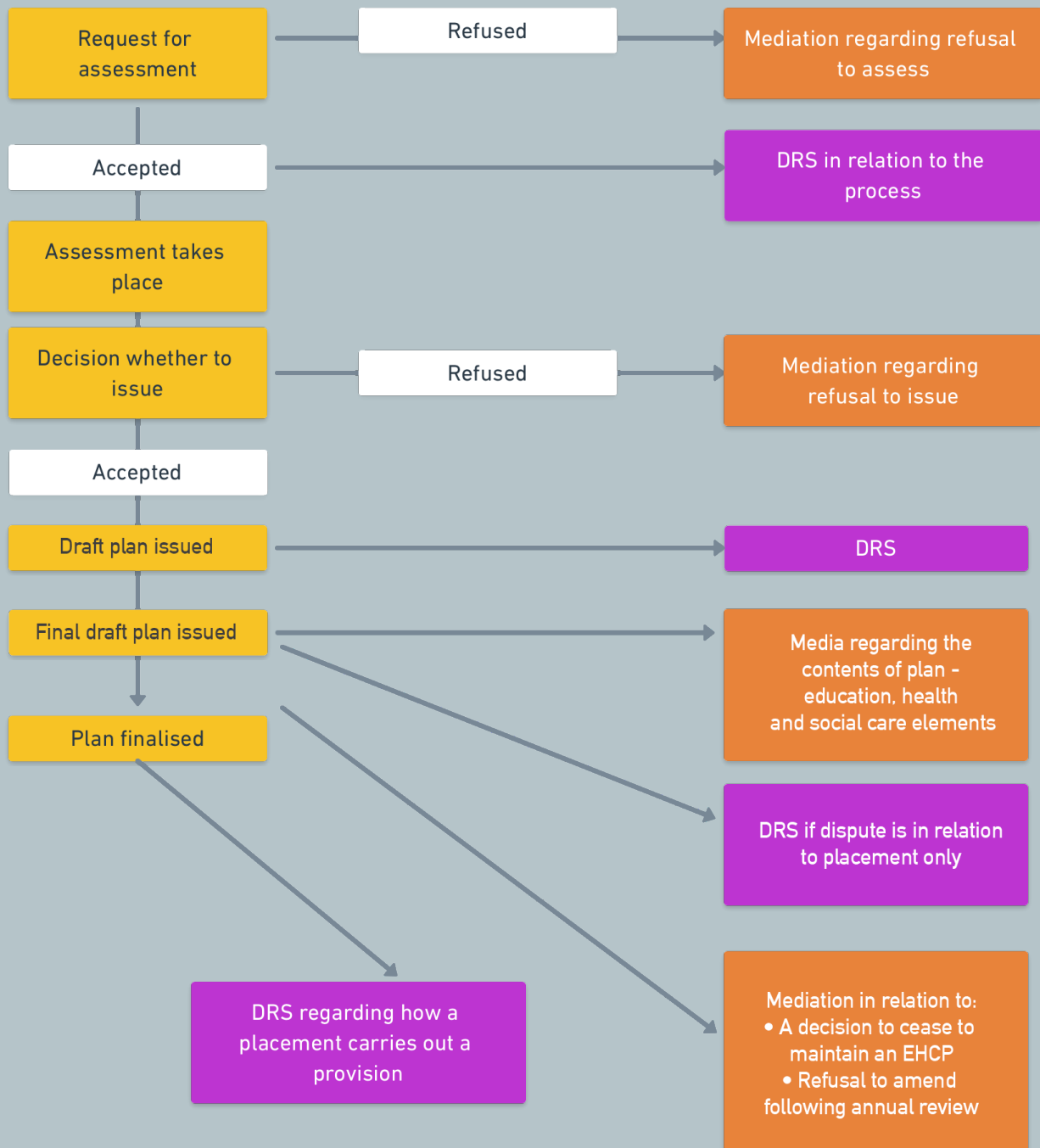


Mediation

- Specifically linked to decisions about EHC needs assessments and plans
- Must be accessed within two months of a decision letter being issued
- Must be considered before most types of cases can be brought to the special educational needs and disability tribunal but does not affect your right to appeal
- A mediation certificate is issued following the meeting taking place or decision not to proceed with meeting.

Disagreement Resolution Service (DRS)

- Covers all children and young people with SEN, not just those who are being assessed for or have an EHC plan
- DRS can be used at any time
- Decision not to use DRS has no effect on right to appeal at tribunal.



Further information:

- <https://www.togethertrust.org.uk/family-support/mediation>
- https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/398815/SEND_Code_of_Practice_January_2015.pdf