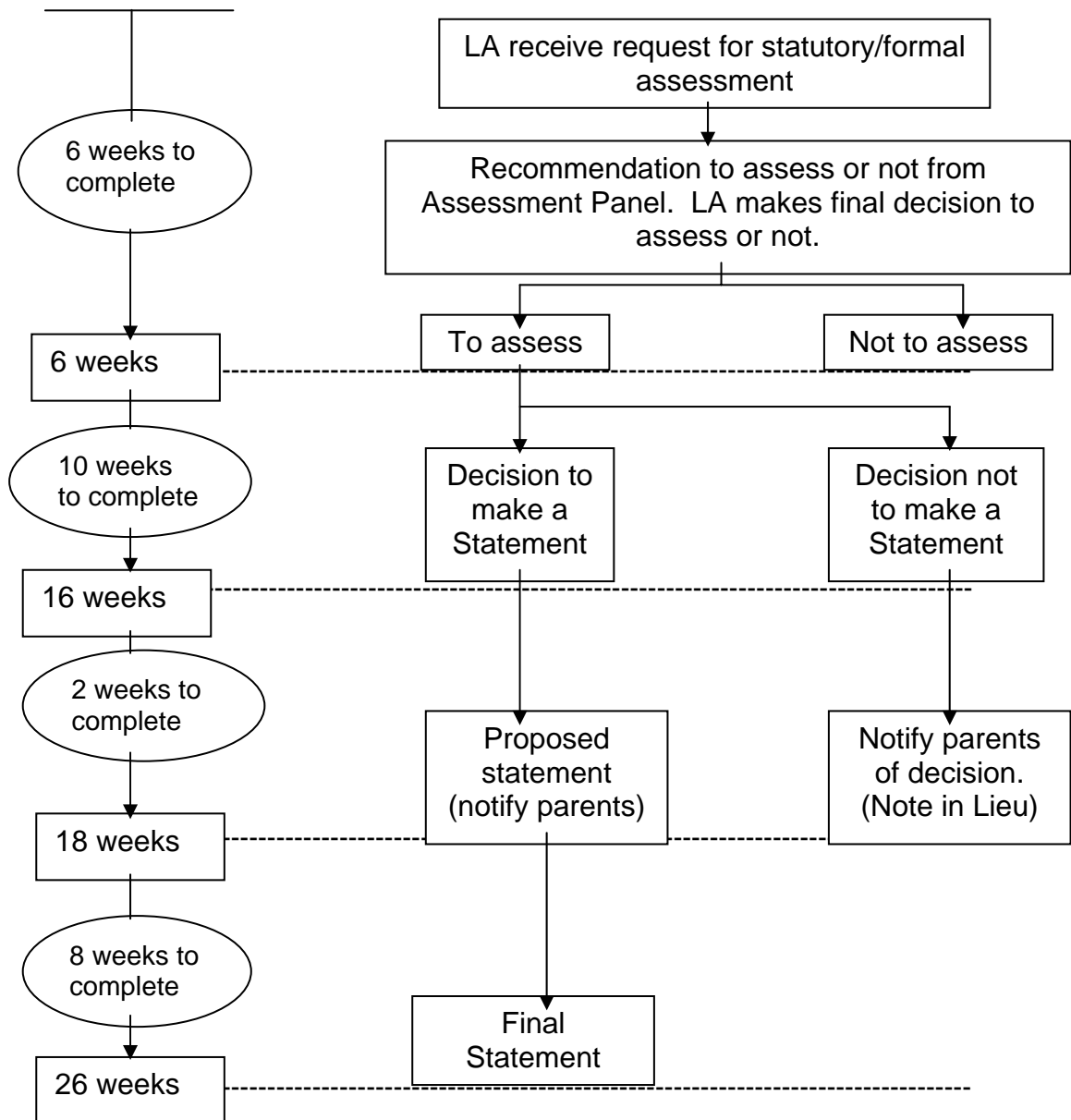


Diagram of how long it takes to make a formal assessment and write a statement



Important points about a formal assessment under the education Act 1996

- Only a few children with special educational needs require formal assessment or a Statement
- The County Council may recommend that it is done
- It is not necessary to wait until a child is in school – it can be done from the age of two.