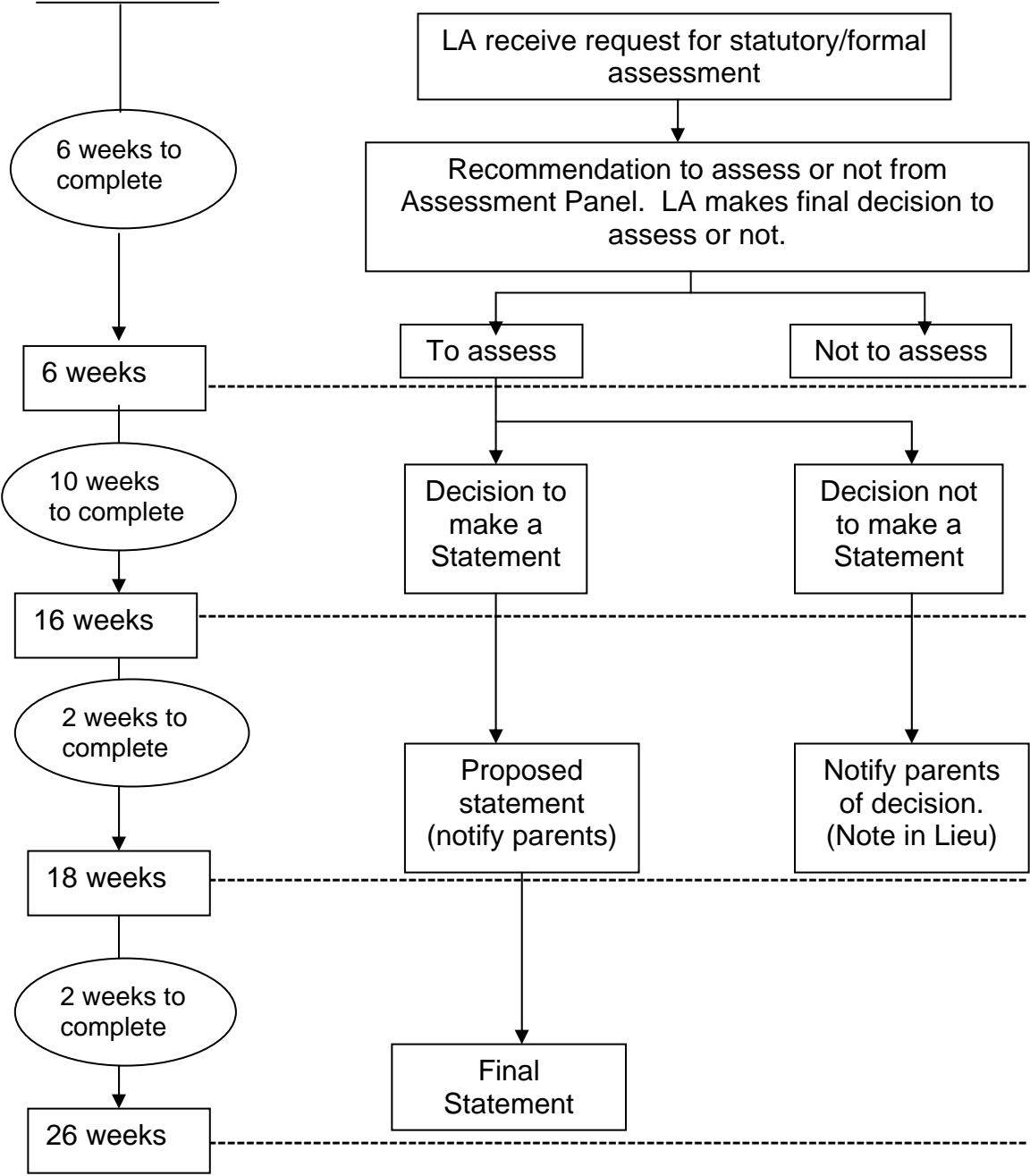


Diagram of how long it takes to make a formal assessment and write a statement



Important points about a formal Assessment under the Education Act 1996

- Only a few children with special educational needs require formal assessment or statement.
- The LA may suggest 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.