**ATHENA PANEL MEETING DATES – 2025/26**

The Athena Panel will meet to consider referrals for statutory medical provision or alternative support (outreach) for children with medical conditions. Meetings will usually be monthly (but not generally during the summer break).

If there are very few referrals, then the Panel may not actually convene. Information exchange will occur and individual views and recommendations collated in order to reach decisions

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| Date of Meeting | Deadline for submissions to be considered |
| 24th September 2025 | 16th September 2025 |
| 22nd October 2025 | 14th October 2025 |
| 26th November 2025 | 18th November 2025 |
| 17th December 2025 | 9th December 2025 |
| 28th January 2026 | 20th January 2026 |
| 25th February 2026 | 10th February 2026 |
| 25th March 2026 | 17th March 2026 |
| 29th April 2026 | 21st April 2026 |
| 3rd June 2026 | 19th May 2026 |
| 8th July 2026 | 30th June 2026 |

All referrals should be returned to athenapanelreferral@eddiversity.blackpool.sch.uk by 12 noon on the deadline day for consideration at the next panel.

When submitting referrals schools should pay due regard to the following documents:

* Local Authority Protocol: The education of children with medical needs Children who cannot attend school because of health needs
* [Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/803956/supporting-pupils-at-school-with-medical-conditions.pdf)
* [Summary of responsibilities where a mental health issue is affecting attendance](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1136965/Summary_of_responsibilities_where_a_mental_health_issue_is_affecting_attendance.pdf)