

Alternative Pathways - Quality Marks and Ratings

The Alternative Pathway directory is intended as a guide only. We strongly advise anyone intending to commission places or attend a programme offered by any of the providers to make their own checks and visits to ensure they are happy with the quality or relevance of the programmes provided.

Quality Assurance - Pupil Referral Unit

Quality Assurance is made up of borough 14-19 representatives who carry out quality assurance on behalf of the North London Quality Assurance Partnership (NLQAP)

Providers that have been commissioned by Hackney's Pupil Referral Unit (PRU), who source education for young people aged 14-16 not currently able to attend mainstream schools, will receive a Quality Assurance visit and be graded as

- Met Required Standards
- Not Met Required Standard.

DfE Registered

Independent providers that offer courses to six or more students or one with an Education, Health and Care Plan are now required to register as an independent school with the Department of Education.

To become DfE registered providers must meet or exceed minimum quality standards, this process takes time and not all providers have yet been registered. Visit [Independent school registration \(GOV.UK\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/independent-school-registration) for more information.

Ofsted

All DfE registered providers will be inspected by [Ofsted](https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/), the Government body who monitors standards in educational establishments including schools and colleges. Newly registered providers may not have yet received an inspection.

Grades for inspections are

1=outstanding

2=good

3=requires improvement

4=inadequate

