



About Education, Health and Care Plans



Support for children and young people aged
0 to 25 years old



This leaflet tells you about Education, Health and Care Plans. This is called an **EHC Plan** for short.



An **EHC Plan** is for children and young people who need extra help with their learning.

SEND

When children need this extra help it is called having Special Educational Needs or a disability. This is called **SEND** for short.

The EHC Plan says:



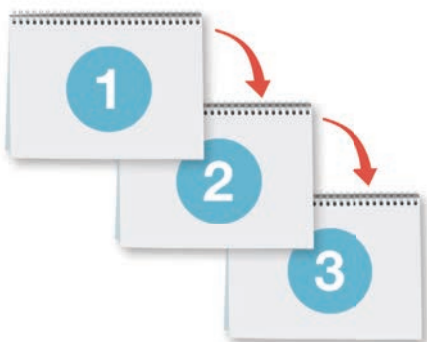
- what your child needs for their learning and any health care needs they have



- what help they will get from school, the council and any health professionals



Health professionals could be people like a doctor nurse or speech and language therapist.



- what your child, you and everyone involved wants your child to do:
 - in the next 12 months
 - and in the future



The plan makes sure young people are ready for when they grow up and become an adult.

Who can have an EHC Plan



To get a plan your child needs to have Special Educational needs or a Disability.



They must also need more help with learning than their school can normally give them.



If the child or young person doesn't need the extra help they will not get an EHC Plan.



If you think your child needs an EHC Plan you can ask for an EHC Plan needs assessment.

The assessment looks at whether the child needs an EHC Plan.



Your child must have this assessment before they can get an EHC Plan.

How we write an EHC Plan



We write the plan using information from:

- people who work with your child



- you and your child. You will have told us this information when your child has the assessment



What we write in the plan:

- what help and support your child needs
- what extra help your child will get
- how the extra things will help
- the support needed to get ready to become an adult



The law says when things are written in an EHC Plan they must happen.

What an EHC Plan **must** include



EHC Plans must include some types of information. The information must be set out in a special way.

There must be a part for all of these things in the plan:



- what your child wants and hopes for their life



- what the special educational need is



- any health needs that affects your child's learning



- any social care needs that affect your child's learning



- what should happen for your child. Education, health and social care should work together if they need to



- what things does the school need to do to support your child with their education



- information about personal budgets

Personal budgets is money the council gives someone so they can get the care and support they need.



- the advice and information that was found in the EHC needs assessment



- what type of school or education place your child is in. It could also have the name of the school or place



The Local Authority will decide if your child needs an EHC Plan.



They will tell you more about each part of the plan and what needs to go in it.



Find out more

If you need information, advice and support for your child's needs please:



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