

Completing the EHC Needs Assessment Contributions Form – Guidance for Speech & Language Therapy

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Introduction

The new EHC Needs Assessment Contributions form should be completed on Bristol City Council's Professional Portal. The purpose of this form is to capture contributions to a child/young person's statutory Education, Health and Care (EHC) Needs Assessment.

The Professional Portal is for 'external' professionals such as Educational settings, Health and other independent organisations/individuals.

It allows professionals to fill in 'forms' relating to children/young people they are working with and submit them securely to Bristol City Council's case management system, Liquidlogic. Submitted forms can then be viewed (as read only) by the relevant team/s, for example SEND.

This guidance is designed to support therapists to fill in the EHC Needs Assessment Contributions form on the portal, managers to moderate and Admin who triage and submit these forms to SEND.

For general guidance on using the Professional Portal (for example registering, logging in/out, how to get support), please follow the guidance called **Using the Professional Portal – Guidance for Professionals**.

Important: Anything you enter in the contribution form will be shared with the young person/parents/carers and other professionals involved with the young person. It will appear in the EHCP (if there is a decision to issue). Please consider this when writing your contribution.

Receiving and triaging the EHC Needs Assessment Contributions form (Admin)

When Bristol's SEND team are requesting an EHC Needs Assessment Contribution from Speech & Language Therapy, they will delegate the form to the **SALT EHC Contributions** group on the Professional Portal.

All Admin staff, therapists and managers have access to pickup, reassign, complete and submit forms sent from this group. However it is Admin who will triage the forms and send them to the relevant therapist for completion. Admin will also be responsible for submitting the forms back to SEND once the therapists have filled in the details (and managers have moderated).

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1. When a form is assigned to the group, an email will be sent to the <u>sirona.slt-ehcp@nhs.net</u> email address which will be monitored by Admin:

New SEND form to complete

A new form has been delegated to you on the Professional Portal.

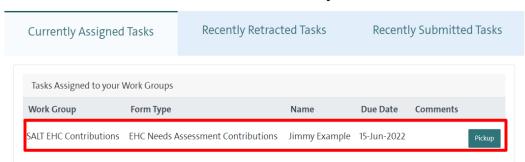
Please complete and submit this form by 15-Jun-2022.

Log in to the portal to complete the form. If you have not already done so you will be required to register for access using this email

The email will include the statutory due date for the contribution to be completed by.

- The Admin worker on duty should then log into the Professional Portal (see Using the Professional Portal – Guidance for Professionals for guidance on how to do this).
- 3. Once logged into the portal, navigate to the form (which will be in the group ready to be picked up):

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The child/young person's name will be displayed, along with the statutory due date for the contribution to be completed by.

4. Click **Pickup** to open the form. This will assign the form to you (meaning no one else can access it):

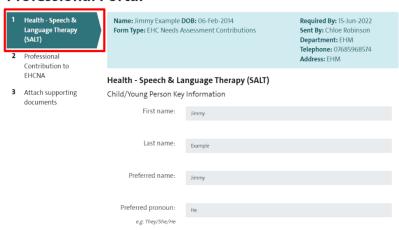


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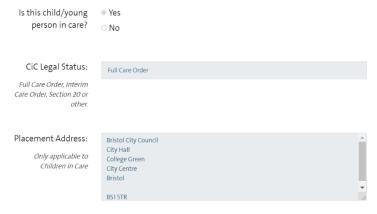
5. Review the details on the first tab:

Professional Portal



This page will display read only details held by Bristol City Council about the child/young person. Use this information to make a decision about which therapist should complete the contribution.

Note: if this is a child/young person in case, the 'Placement Address' will be displayed on this page:



6. Once you've reviewed the details, scroll to the bottom of the page and click Close:



7. Click Re-Assign:



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8. A list of everyone in your group will appear (including the therapists, managers and other admin). Click **Select User** next to the therapist who needs to complete the contribution form:

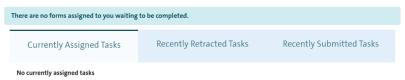
Sandra Professional

sandraprofessional@mailinator.com



The form will disappear from your list of tasks and will be reassigned to the therapist:

Professional Portal - tasks to complete



The therapist will receive an email to notify them that there's a form assigned to them for completion. Once they have filled in the form, and managers have moderated the contribution, the form will be reassigned back to the group, at which point it can be picked back up by Admin and submitted, see <u>Submitting the contribution to SEND and downloading a copy</u> (Admin).

Note: if you have reviewed the child/young person's details and found they are 'not known to service' and therefore a contribution cannot be completed, leave the form uncompleted in the portal and contact the Bristol SEND team. They will need to 'retract' the form from you so that it disappears from the portal.

Filling in the EHC Needs Assessment Contributions form (Speech & Language Therapist)

It is the Speech & Language Therapists' responsibility to fill in the EHC Needs Assessment Contributions form on the portal. This section explains how to access and fill in the form on the Professional Portal and assign it to a manager for moderation. Following this, the form will be submitted to SEND by Admin.

As you work through the form you can **Save** and **Close** at any time using the buttons at the bottom of the page. Once saved the form can be accessed again any time from your **Tasks to complete** page – you don't have to complete the form all in one go. It is good practice to save regularly.

1. When a form is assigned to you for completion, an email will be sent to your work email address:

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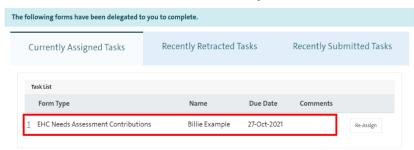


New SEND form to complete A new form has been delegated to you on the Professional Portal. Please complete and submit this form by 27-Oct-2021. Log in to the portal to complete the form. If you have not already done so you will be required to register for access using this email address. Many thanks, Bristol SEND Team

The email will include the statutory due date for the contribution to be completed by.

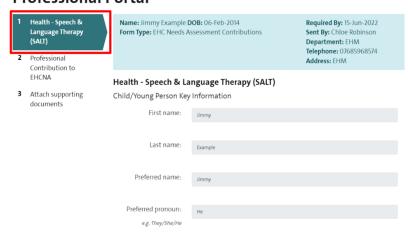
- When you're ready to complete the contribution, log into the Professional Portal (see Using the Professional Portal – Guidance for Professionals for guidance on how to do this).
- 3. Once logged into the portal, you will be taken straight to the **Tasks to complete** page where any forms assigned to you will be displayed.
- 4. Navigate to the relevant form and click on it:

Professional Portal - tasks to complete



5. Review the details on the first tab:

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This page will display read only details held by Bristol City Council about the child/young person.

6. Click **Next** at the bottom of the form to get to the contribution section:

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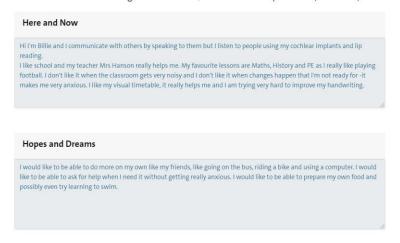




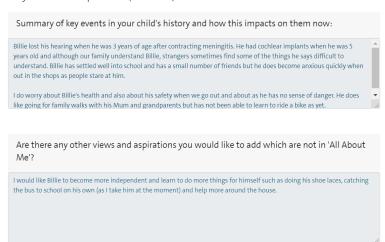
Section A

1. The first part of **Section A** will display a read only copy of the Child/Young Person and Family Views. Review the information supplied:

All About Me - Child or Young Person's Views, Interests and Aspirations (Section A)



Family Views and Aspirations (Section A)



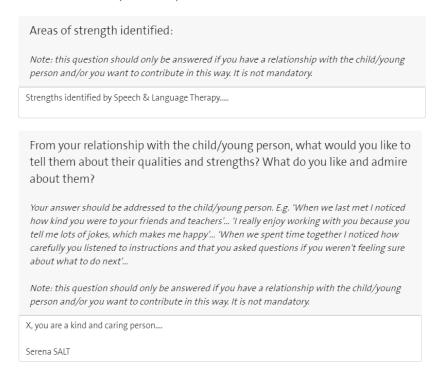
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Are there family friends or others who are important to your shild?
Are there family, friends or others who are important to your child?
Mum
Grandma Barbara
Grandad Paul
Mrs Hanson (teacher)
Strengths:
Billie is a happy and chatty boy who is always smiling and loves telling jokes. He tries so hard at school even when the subject
is very hard for him and is determined to do well.
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2. Next you will be asked to fill in the remainder of **Section A** as appropriate to your relationship with the young person. This section should be a celebration of their strengths and qualities:

Speech & Language Therapy - Professional Contribution to Statutory EHC Needs Assessment (Section A):



If you don't know the young person well at all you may decide to leave these questions blank.

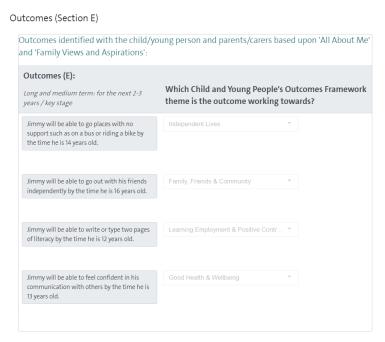
Note: It is helpful if you 'sign off' your comments as in the example above so it is clear who has written it.

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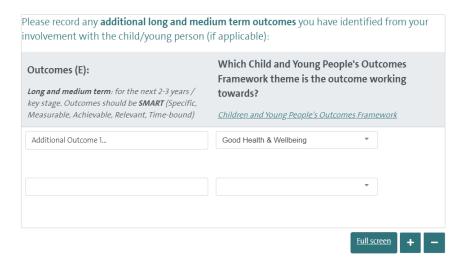


Outcomes (Section E)

 Next, record any Outcomes you have identified (if applicable) which are in addition to those already identified by SEND. Outcomes already identified will be displayed in read only format as below.



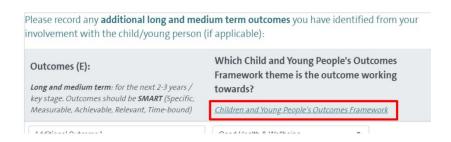
If you wish to add additional Outcomes, record the Outcome in the first column and in the next column you should select the **Children and Young People's Outcomes**Framework Theme the outcome best relates to:



Note: you can click on the link provided for additional information on identifying outcomes and themes under the Children and Young People's Outcomes Framework:

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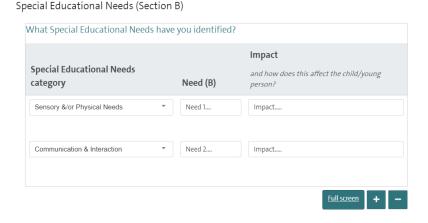




Again, if you do not know the young person well and/or have no suggested outcomes to add, this section can be left blank.

Special Educational Needs (Section B)

1. If you have identified any Special Educational Needs (B), record these in the table provided:



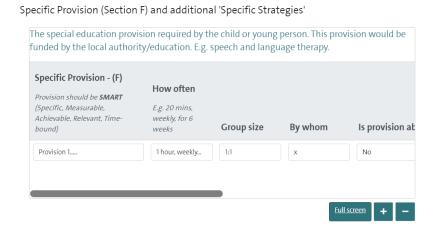
Specific Provision (Section F) and additional 'Specific Strategies'

- 1. If you have identified any Specific Provision (F), fill out the details in the table provided recording one provision per row on the table:
 - **Specific Provision**: in this column you should provide a concise description of the provision that will be put in place/is in place
 - How often: in this column you should record the length, frequency and duration of
 the provision if possible e.g. 20 mins, weekly, for 6 weeks. This is important
 because it makes it clear to families exactly what provision they will receive and
 ensures provision is specific and quantifiable. It also makes it much easier to
 deliver and review the EHCP if there is one issued.
 - **Group size:** e.g. 1:1, group of up to 20 etc. if applicable
 - By whom: the person or professional role who will deliver the provision
 - Is the provision above core service?: Yes/No
 - Which SEN Category will this provision meet?: select the SEN categories identified which this provision will meet. It is essential that any need categories

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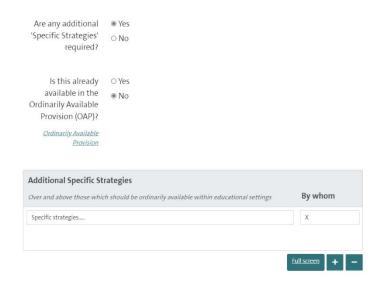


- identified in Section B are being met by a Provision. The picklist allows you to select multiple categories, as one provision may meet multiple need categories.
- Which Outcomes Framework theme is this provision working towards?: from
 the identified outcomes, record which Outcomes Framework theme this provision
 is working towards. If it applies to several select the outcome theme the provision
 most relates to.



Note: You can click **Full screen** to expand the table (this will display all columns without needing to scroll)

2. Next, answer the questions relating to 'Specific Strategies'. If there are specific strategies, and these are not 'Ordinarily Available Provision', a table will open allowing you to record them:



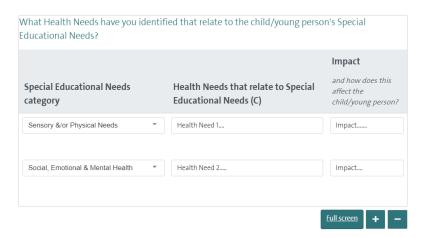
Note: use the link provided to view additional information about what is counted as 'Ordinarily Available Provision'.

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Health Needs (Section C)

Record the Health Needs that have been identified:



Specific Health Provision (Section G)

1. Enter any **Health Provision** required:

Specific Health Provision (Section G) Any health provision reasonably required by the learning difficulties or disabilities which result in the child or young person having SEN. This provision would be funded via NHS England/CCG. E.g. specialist equipment or continence supplies. Specific Health Provision - (G) How often Provision should be SMART (Specific, E.g. 20 mins, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time weekly, for 6 Group size By whom Is prov bound) weeks Provision 1.... 1 hour.....

Note: You can click **Full screen** to expand the table (this will display all columns without needing to scroll)

2. Finally, record your name and select the relevant service from the picklist under **Additional information**:

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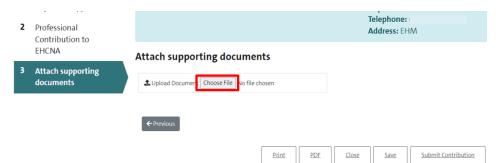
Name of professional who has contributed to this EHCNA: Team/Service/Establi shment: Health - SALT

Note: please do <u>not</u> enter the 'Name of Moderator' or 'Date contribution submitted to SEND', as these will be entered by Managers and Admin respectively.

3. Click Next:



4. If you wish to attach additional documents (Appendices) to your contribution you can do so on the final page by clicking **Choose File**:



Note: You can attach multiple documents if required. The accepted file types are: Word (doc & docx), PDF, JPG, PNG. The maximum file size is 10MB.

5. Click **Save** and then **Close**:

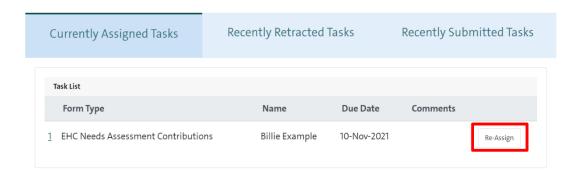


Please do not click Submit Contribution.

You will have been re-directed to your Professional Portal home page. Click Re-Assign:

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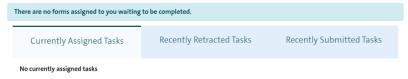


7. Reassign the task to your manager (so that they can review and moderate your contribution):



The form will disappear from your list of tasks and will be reassigned to the manager:

Professional Portal - tasks to complete



They will receive an email notifying them of a form assigned to them on the portal.

Moderating the EHC Needs Assessment Contribution form (SALT Manager)

Managers are responsible for reviewing and moderating forms completed by Speech & Language Therapists, signing off the form and then reassigning to the **SALT EHC Contributions** group. Admin will then download a copy of the form and submit it to SEND.

1. When a form is assigned to you for completion, an email will be sent to your work email address:

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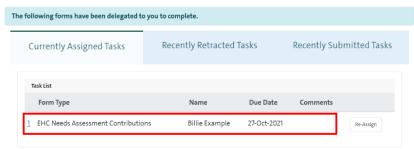


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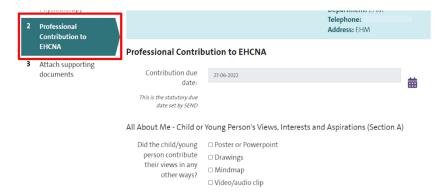
The email will include the statutory due date for the contribution to be completed by.

- When you're ready to complete the contribution, log into the Professional Portal (see Using the Professional Portal – Guidance for Professionals for guidance on how to do this).
- 3. Once logged into the portal, you will be taken straight to the **Tasks to complete** page where any forms assigned to you will be displayed.
- 4. Navigate to the relevant form and click on it:

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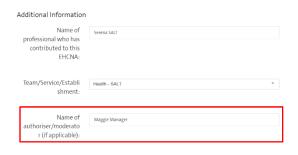
5. Review the SALT contribution section, which can be found on the second tab:



6. Once you have reviewed the form and are ready to sign it off (the answers can be amended by you if required), record your name in the relevant box at the bottom of the page under **Additional information**:

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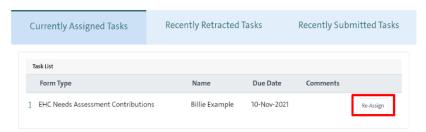


7. Save and then Close:



Please do not click Submit Contribution.

8. Click Reassign:



9. Click **Select Group** to reassign the form to the **SALT EHC Contributions** group tray:



Following this, Admin will pick up the form, download a copy for internal records, and submit the form to SEND.

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Submitting the contribution to SEND and downloading a copy (Admin)

Once the contribution form has been completed by therapists and moderated by managers, the task will be assigned back to the group tray. Another email will be sent to the sirona.slt-ehcp@nhs.net email address. From here Admin will need to pickup and submit the form to SEND and download a copy of the contribution for internal records:

1. Click **Pickup** to open the form:



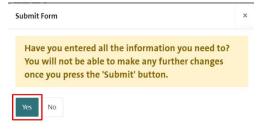
2. Navigate to the second tab of the form and enter the date you are submitting it in the field provided:



3. Once you are ready to send your form back to Bristol City Council, click **Submit Contribution**:



4. Click **Yes** on the pop-up (unless you do need to make further changes):



Note: if you wish to PDF your form before submitting you can click the **PDF** button before submitting:



Alternatively, once you have submitted the form you will be able to access and download it for **30 days** after submission:

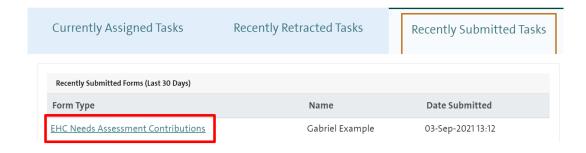
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1. Navigate to the Recently Submitted Tasks tab:



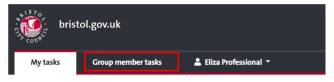
2. Click on the form you wish to view and it will automatically download:



Picking up and Reassigning forms between Therapists (Admin)

There may be scenarios where Admin need to reassign a contribution form from one therapist to another e.g. if the therapist is off sick/on leave, or they have asked you to assign the form to another colleague for completion. Please do not do this unless agreed by the therapist/manager so as not to cause confusion (as soon as you reassign the task it will be removed from their list of tasks).

If you need to pick up and/or reassign a task that is currently assigned to another individual in your group, navigate to **Group member tasks:**



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Here you can **Re-Assign** the form either to yourself, another individual in the group or a work group:

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Professional Portal - tasks assigned to others in your group



An email will be sent to the therapist to notify them that there is a form for them to complete.