

SEND

A Quick Guide to:



What is an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP)?

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An Education, Health and Care plan (“EHC plan”) is a legal document which describes a child or young person’s special educational needs, the support they need, and the outcomes they would like to achieve.

The plan sets out the education, health and care services needed to meet those needs and the type of educational place that would best suit your child. Your child could have a plan from birth to 25 if he or she stays in education, and the plan will change and develop as your child gets older.

It focuses on identifying individual outcomes and puts children, young people and their families at the centre of the assessment, planning and review process. An EHCP is legally binding – the support detailed in the Plan must be provided.

The majority of children and young people with SEN and disabilities will have their needs met by their local mainstream early years setting, school or college. However, for those children and young people with complex needs that cannot be met by the support put in place by their school or college, an EHC needs assessment may be required.

Before children and young people have a needs assessment, they will already have been receiving support from their school or setting, at SEN Support through a My Support Plan (MSP) or the school's equivalent.

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Guidance to consider

- [SEND Code of Practice 0-25 2014](#)
- [Children and Families Act 2014](#)

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