Changing statements to Education, Health and Care Plans
(Transition Plan)
Changing statements and Learning Difficulties Assessments to Education Health and Care (EHC) Plans

Waltham Forest intends to change all statements to Education, Health and Care Plans within the next 3 and half years. This will be achieved through person centred annual reviews.

Process

All current children with statements will automatically have an annual review of their statement in their education setting.

At the review everyone will decide whether to seek further up to date advice for example an up to date speech therapy report or educational psychology report. Further advice will not be needed if there is up to date advice because much of the information within existing statements will, in many cases, be recent and remain relevant.

The review will use the person centred headings to support writing an EHC Plan. It will consider outcomes for the child/young person and the provision to achieve those outcomes.

Once the process for changing the statement has started, appeal rights under the Education Act 1996 Act are replaced by those under the Child and Families Act 2014.

What documents need to be changed?

There are 2 documents that will be replaced by an EHC Plan:

- Statements of special educational needs (SEN)
- Learning Difficulties Assessments (LDA’s)

Transfer timing

- All children and young people with statements will be transferred to the new system by 1 April 2018.
- Young people in further education and training who receive provision as a result of an LDA must be transferred to the new SEN system by 1 September 2016 if they are continuing in further education or training beyond that date.

The timeline for age ranges of children and young people can be found on page 3
Every year these key transition points will have to be transferred to an EHC Plan.
Groups Consulted

We have consulted with parents, settings and professionals across education, health and social care:

- Parents
- Early Years
- Schools – mainstream and special
- Paediatricians
- Educational psychologists
- Social Care
- Speech and Language therapy
- Early Help Services

Estimated numbers of statements and LDA’s to be converted

As at July 2014 the Local Authority has: 1320 statements Nursery to 19 years old.

As at July 2014 the Local Authority has: 68 19-25 year olds continuing in education

In the next academic year 2014 – 2015 it is anticipated the following numbers:

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<th>Age Group</th>
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<td>Age 4/5 Nursery to reception (FS to KS1)</td>
<td>44</td>
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<td>Age 6/7 Year 2 to Year 3 (KS1 to KS2)</td>
<td>87</td>
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<td>Age 10/11 Year 6 to Year 7 (KS2 to KS3)</td>
<td>80 Optional</td>
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<td>Age 13/14 Year 9 to Year 10 (KS3 to KS4)</td>
<td>108</td>
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<td>Age 15/16 Year 11 to Year 12 (KS4 to KS5 or 6th form)</td>
<td>113</td>
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<td>Age 18+ if LDA or needing extra time to complete education</td>
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Numbers of statements fluctuate on an annual basis. The Local Authority will publish the numbers that need to be transferred annually.

**Availability of this plan**

This plan is published on the following websites:

Waltham Forest Council
www.walthamforest.gov.uk

The Schools Hub
thehub@walthamforest.gov.uk

Waltham Forest Parent Forum
www.walthamforestparentforum.com

**Contact the SEN Team for any queries**

If you have any queries about the transfer policy for your child please contact the SEN Team on:

- 0208 496 6503
- 0208 496 6504
- 0208 496 6505

If your child is in Year 9 or above contact the Transition Team on:

- 0208 430 8474

This policy will be reviewed annually.
Independent SEN Information and advice services for Parents

Waltham Forest Parent Forum

Website: www.walthamforestparentforum.com
Address: 92 Leyton Green Road, Leyton E10 6DA
Email: walthamforestparentforum@live.co.uk
Telephone: 07528 433640 / 07794 298496

Waltham Forest Parent Partnership

Website: www.walthamforest.gov.uk
Address: Parkside Children’s Centre
82 Peel Close
Chingford
London E4 6XQ
Email: parent.partnership@walthamforest.gov.uk
Telephone: 020 8496 5230
Free phone: 0800 587 2521

Council for Disabled Children

Website: http://www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/who-we-are/contact-us
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Address: Council for Disabled Children, 8 Wakley Street, London, EC1V 7QE