

What is an Education, Health and Care Plan?

Children and young people with high levels of assessed need may be eligible for an Education, Health and Care Plan which takes into account the child or young person's special educational need, together with any health or social care needs that they may have.

Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans are integrated support plans for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

They are produced as part of a streamlined and co-ordinated multi agency assessment process.

The EHC Plan will be co-produced with the child or young person, parents, carers and relevant professionals working across education, health and social care specialist services.

Parents and carers and young people will be supported through the plan production process to ensure that their views are represented.

They are focused on:

- identifying and achieving outcomes
- helping children and young people into school, through school and
- preparing for adulthood.

EHC Plans:

- can last until a young person is 25 years of age if they are still in education or training
- will be required for all children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities who are placed in special school settings
- will replace the current 'Statement of Special Educational Needs' or the 'Learning Difficulty Assessment' from September 1st 2014

If parents and young people with an EHC plan do not agree with the support proposed to achieve the outcomes in the plan they will have the right to mediation, disagreement resolution services and, if issues remain unresolved, to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal.