



Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

An **Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)** is a legal document which can stay with a young person until they turn 25. It is designed to support children and young people with high level, complex special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). It outlines the provision needed to achieve their educational, health, and social outcomes.

An **EHCP** will:

- ✓ Identify a child's special educational, health, and social care needs.
- ✓ Detail the support required to meet those needs.
- ✓ Set clear, measurable goals to help the child achieve their full potential.
- ✓ Is legally binding, meaning local authorities and schools must follow it.

FAQs

Who can request an EHCP?

Parents, carers, schools, or healthcare professionals can request an EHCP assessment from the local authority.

How is an EHCP different from SEN Support?

SEN Support is extra help provided by schools without an EHCP. If a child needs more support than the school can provide through SEN Support, an EHCP may be necessary.

What is included in an EHCP?

- **Section A:** The child's and family's views, interests, and aspirations.
- **Section B:** Special educational needs.
- **Section C:** Health needs related to SEND.
- **Section D:** Social care needs related to SEND.
- **Section E:** Desired outcomes.
- **Section F:** Specific educational provision required.
- **Section G:** Health provision.
- **Section H:** Social care provision.
- **Section I:** School or setting placement.
- **Section J:** Personal budget, if applicable.

How long does it take to get an EHCP?

The process should take **20 weeks** from the initial request to the final plan being issued.

What happens during the assessment process?

Please see EHCNA factsheet for further information.

Can an EHCP be reviewed?

Please see Annual Review factsheet for further information.

What if my request for an EHCP is denied?

You can appeal the decision through mediation or tribunal and seek advice from SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice, and Support Service).