



What is an EHCP?

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When a child requires additional support that exceeds what a school, college, or nursery can typically provide within their own budgets or staffing, they may need an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

An EHCP is a legally binding document that outlines a child or young person's special educational, health, and social care needs.

WHO CAN HAVE ONE?

EHCPs are designed for children (ages 0-16), young people (ages 16-19), or adults (ages 19-25) with special educational needs who require support beyond what an educational setting can provide at SEN support.

HOW DO YOU GET AN EHCP?

Lots of people don't realise that you can request an EHCP from the council without having to go through your child's school. You can visit your local council's website to find the application form for your area.

We would also recommend speaking to your child's school. They'll be able to offer support and even complete the application for you in some cases.

The allocated Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) Coordinator will collate all the necessary information and advice required to complete the assessment. This assessment process should be person-centred, meaning that the local authority's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) service will ensure that the views, wishes, and feelings of the child or young person and their family are included.

Sections of an EHCP

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Section A: The views, interests, and aspirations of the child and their parents, or the young person.

Section B: The child or young person's special educational needs (SEN).

Section C: The healthcare needs related to their SEN.

Section D: The social care needs related to their SEN or a disability.

Section E: The outcomes sought for the child or young person.

Section F: The special educational provisions required to meet their SEN.

Section G: Any healthcare provisions reasonably required due to the learning difficulties or disabilities resulting in the child or young person having SEN.

Section H: Social care provisions required by social services under the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970, and/or reasonably required due to the learning difficulties or disabilities resulting in the child or young person having SEN.

Section I: The name of the school or institution to be attended by the child or young person, along with the type of institution.

Section J: Details of any direct payments that will be made.

Section K: Copies of all the advice and information obtained as part of the EHCP needs assessment.