

#### SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY INFORMATION, ADVICE AND SUPPORT SERVICE

# Education, Health and Care Plans

Getting the right kind of support

In the past, children and young people who needed extra help with learning had **Statements** and **Learning Difficulty Assessments**.



This has changed. Now they will have **Education**, **Health and Care plans** instead. Sometimes these are called **EHC plans**.



The plan will use information from your EHC Needs Assessment to say what you want to **achieve** and what **support** must be provided to help you.

## What is in the plan?

Everyone will have a different plan because it is **all about YOU**. We are all different.

It will have information like:

- Who you are
- How you communicate
- What you want to achieve
- Why you need help with things
- What kind and amount of support you need, and how often you must get it
- Where you go to school or college (if you do)

Once this support is written down in the plan, it **must** be given to you.

All the people that support you will be able to see your plan. It should help them work together to support you.



You have the **right** to say what kind of information you think should be in your plan and who you want to see it.



#### Who gets a plan?

If you are aged **25 years and under** and you need extra help with learning then you might get a plan to help you get more support.

EHC plans will carry on until you are **25 years** old. They will **stop** if:

- You go to University
- You get a **Job**
- The local authority think you do **not need** it anymore

You can tell the local authority what you think about your plan and they must listen to you.



The local authority is sometimes called 'the council'. They might say that you do **not need** an EHC plan anymore if there are **big changes** that mean you no longer need the support in the plan. They will tell you first.

If you do not agree then you can say so. You can ask your local **Information, Advice and Support Service** for **help.** 

## Will someone help me to get a plan?

There are people called **Independent Supporters** who are there to **help** families move from Statements to EHC plans.

You can ask your **local authority** or **Information, Advice and Support Service** to help you find an Independent Supporter.





To find out more about EHC Plans, go to: www.youtube.com/user/watchCDC

**Information, Advice and Support Services** can help if you have any **questions** about your EHC plan.

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