

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's in the plan?



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

We are all different, and so we all need different plans.

The EHCP will have information such as:

- **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?



Only a small number of people with special educational needs will need an EHCP.

If you are aged **25 years or 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 are 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 **Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)** for help.

Will someone help me to get an EHCP?



Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Services (SENDIASS) can help if you have any questions about EHC plans.

Ask one of our members of staff for support.

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