

EDUCATION, HEALTH AND CARE NEEDS ASSESSMENTS (EHCNA) AND EDUCATION, HEALTH AND CARE PLANS (EHCP)

Some children and young people with a neurodevelopmental condition require additional support to access education. The majority of children with special educational needs and disabilities have their needs met through SEN Support, but in some cases, they will require more specialist support in the form of an EHC Plan.

What is an EHC plan?

A legal document that describes a child or young person's special educational, health and social care needs. It explains the extra help they will get to meet their needs and how that help will support the child or young person to achieve what they want to in their life. It can also give parents and young people more choice about which school or other setting the child or young person can attend. The special educational provision described in an EHC plan must be provided by the child or young person's Local Authority (LA).

Who needs an EHC plan?

EHC plans are for children and young people (0-25 years) whose special educational needs require more help than would typically be provided by a mainstream education setting.

Although the plan can include health or social care needs, your child will not require a plan if they only have health or social care needs that do not affect their education.

How do I get an EHC plan?

An EHCP can only be issued following an EHC needs assessment. You, your child's education setting or your child, if over 16, can ask your LA to carry out an EHC needs assessment.

What is an EHC needs assessment?

An assessment of a child or young person's education, health and care needs. EHCNA must be completed within statutory timescales as outlined in the picture below.