

Information, advice and support service SENDIASS

Quick Guide – Education, Health and Care plans (EHCPs)

The purpose of an EHC plan is to make special educational needs of the child or young person, to secure the best possible outcomes for them across education, health, and social care and, as they get older, prepare them for adulthood - SEND code of practice January 2015 9.2

An EHCP can only be issued after a child or young person has gone through the process of an Education, health, and care needs assessment

An EHCP must be written in a clear way for parents, young people, schools/colleges, and Local authorities detailing who is required to do what, when and how often and when this must be reviewed

The EHCP describes the special educational provision that must be provided by the Local authority where the child or young person lives

An EHCP details special educational needs, provision to meet those needs, social care, preparing for adulthood outcomes and the named provision that can meet the needs of the child or young person

An EHCP can be requested by a young person f they are aged 16-25 years however a request can be made by anyone who feels an assessment is necessary including parents, teachers and health visitors

An EHCP must be reviewed every year, this is known as an annual review

TOP TIPS
Information must be specified and quantified within an EHCP

An EHCP is made up of sections A to K - Sections B, F and I can be appealed if this is required

Section A of a plan is where parents and child's/young persons views must be captured

Useful links include — www.IPSEA.org.uk www.togethertrust.org.uk/SENDIASS