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Education, Health and Care Plan

What is an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP)?

An EHCP has replaced Statements of SEN and Learning Difficulty Assessments. An EHCP is a legal document describing a young person's needs, the provision to meet those needs and the suitable educational placement. The Plan must be person centred, focusing on the needs and aspirations of the child. EHCPs will continue into further education and training, and for some young people up to the age of 25.

Who has an Education Health and Care Plan?

An EHCP is for children and young people who have special educational needs and disabilities and where an assessment of education, health and social care needs has been agreed by a multi-agency group of professionals. It is available from birth to age 25. A child or young person has to be eligible for an assessment.

Will there be help for children without an EHC Plan?

Under the Children and Families Bill and the Code of Practice, School Action and School Action Plus have been replaced with a single category of SEN Support. Any child on the SEN Support register will receive support in school for their special educational needs but do not have Education, Health and Care plans. Additional SEN support is support to meet a student's needs so that they can meet their individual goals.

What is a personal budget?

You may be able to get a personal budget for your child if they have an EHCP or have been told they need one.

It allows you to say how to spend the money on support for your child.

There are three ways you can use your personal budget. You can have:

- Direct payments made into your account for you to buy and manage services yourself.
- An arrangement with the Local Authority or school where they hold the money for you but you still decide how to spend it
- Third party arrangements where you choose someone else to manage the money for you.

EHCP Timeline

