

EDUCATION, HEALTH AND CARE PLANS (EHCPs)

WHAT DOES AN EHCP INCLUDE?

An EHCP contains the following sections:

- **A: Your child's views, interests, and aspirations.**
- **B: Their special educational needs (SEN).**
- **C: Health needs related to SEN or a disability.**
- **D: Social care needs linked to SEN or a disability.**
- **E: Planned outcomes for your child.**
- **F: Specific educational support needed.**
- **G: Health provision required.**
- **H1: Social care provision for those under 18.**
- **H2: Additional social care provision related to SEN.**
- **I: The name and type of school or college.**
- **J: Details of any personal budget.**
- **K: Evidence gathered during the EHC needs assessment.**

For young people in or beyond Year 9, the EHCP must include plans for preparing for adulthood, including employment, independent living, and community participation.

WHAT IF I'M NOT HAPPY WITH THE EHCP?

If you disagree with the content of the EHCP or a decision not to assess or issue one, you can:

Meet with the school, college, or Local Authority to discuss your concerns.

Access independent disagreement resolution or mediation.

Appeal the decision through the SEND Tribunal.

Shropshire SENDIASS can support you by explaining your options and offering impartial advice.

ANNUAL REVIEWS

EHCPs must be reviewed at least once a year. The review process involves you, your child, and the school or college to ensure the plan is working. After the review, the Local Authority must decide whether to keep the plan as it is, amend it, or cease to maintain it.

The plan will end if your child:

- Goes to university.
- Finds employment.
- No longer needs the high level of support outlined in the EHCP.



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EHCP PROCESSES AND TIMESCALES

Week 0–6: The Local Authority decides whether to carry out an EHC needs assessment. If they refuse, they must explain their reasons and your right to appeal.

Week 7–16: If the assessment goes ahead, the Local Authority gathers information from professionals, parents, and the child/young person.

Week 16: The Local Authority decides whether to issue a draft EHCP or not. If refused, they must explain why and outline your appeal rights.

Week 16–20: If a draft EHCP is issued, you have 15 days to comment and suggest changes. The Local Authority consults with the school/setting. A final EHCP is issued by Week 20.

The final EHCP must name an educational placement and the school must start providing the support immediately.

YOUR ROLE IN THE EHCP PROCESS

The Local Authority must involve you and your child throughout the EHCP process. Your views and your child's wishes are central to creating the plan. Regular reviews will ensure the EHCP remains relevant and effective.

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

- SEND Code of Practice: [Read Chapter 9 here](#)
- Shropshire Local Offer: [Visit the Local Offer website](#)
- IPSEA (Independent Provider of Special Education Advice): [Visit IPSEA's EHCP checklist](#)

