



Wirral SEND Partnership Information Advice & Support Service

Getting the support you need in school, college or training



**Information for children and young people
about Education Health & Care
assessments and plans**

Finding out what support you need

Sometimes we might need extra help in school, college or training. To find out if you need extra support, you might have an **Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment**.



This is a careful look at what you might need help with. Lots of people think about what you might need and then write reports.

Sometimes it is called an **EHC Needs Assessment**.



You and the people who support you will think about what you **can do** on your own and what you might **need extra help** with. They will try to work out if you need any **extra support**.



At the end, they will decide if you need a plan to get you extra help in your school, college or training. This would be called an **Education, Health and Care plan**.

If you are over 18 you might need a plan to make sure you can finish your education or training.

Who should have the assessment?

You must have an EHC Needs Assessment if you are:



- aged **25 years or under**
- you have **special educational needs**. This means you need extra help to learn things
- your school or college may not be able to give you all of the support you need.

What is in the assessment?



You and your parents or carers will be asked if you want to write down or to **say what you think** about your needs and support.

Lots of other people will also help write reports, including:

- Your school or college
- People that support you
- An educational psychologist. This is someone who knows lots about how people learn.
- If you see them, doctors and therapists
- If you use social services or need to, social workers
- If you have problems with hearing or sight, teachers who know lots about those things
- Any other people you want to write reports to explain your needs



The law says that the local authority must send everyone what you have said you need, or any reports you want them to look at.

How do I get an assessment?

You can **ask** for an assessment if you are aged between 16 and 25 years old and you think you might need one.



Other people that can ask for you are:

- Your parents or carers
- Your school
- People who work with you, like doctors or teachers



There are people called **Independent Supporters** who are there to **help**.

You can **ask your local authority** to help you find an Independent Supporter.



If you want any **help** getting an EHC Needs Assessment then you can ask the **Information, Advice and Support Service**. If you do not agree with anything then they can make sure your views are heard.

Ask one of our members of staff for support.

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 is in the plan?



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

It will have information like:

- **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?

If you had a **Statement** before, then this should be changed to an **EHC plan**. It should be changed some time **before April 2018**.



If you have a **Learning Difficulty Assessment (LDA)** you can **ask** for an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment.

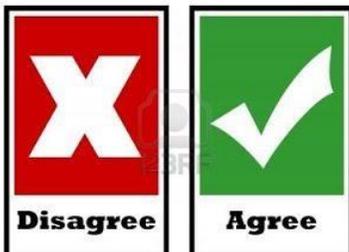
If you are aged **25 years or under** and you need extra help with learning then you might get a plan to help you get more support.



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 **Information, Advice and Support Service** for **help**.

Will someone help me to get a plan?



WIRRAL SEND PARTNERSHIP

Information, Advice and Support Service

can help if you have any **questions** about your EHC plan, Learning Difficulties Assessment or Statement.

Our telephone number is **0151 522 7990**.

Ask one of our members of staff for support.



There are also people called **Independent Supporters** who are there to **help** families move from Statements to EHC plans.

Their telephone number is **0151 702 5552**.

You can **ask your local authority** to help you find an Independent Supporter.



To find out more about EHC plans, go to:
www.youtube.com/user/WatchCDC