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Information Advice and Support

Young People and EHC Assessments

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Finding out what support you need

Sometimes you 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 called an **EHC Needs Assessment**.

An **Education Health and Care Needs Assessment** is a careful look at what you might need help with. Lots of people think about what you might need and then write reports.



You and the people who support you will think about what you can do on your own and what you might need help with. They will try to work out if you need any extra support to do these things. Right from the beginning, your views, feelings and wishes will be at the centre of the plan.

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

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

Who should have an assessment?

You might have an EHC Needs Assessment if you are aged 25 or under and:

- You have special educational needs. This means you need extra help to learn things.
- Your school, college or training provider 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 say what you think is helpful for your needs and the support you get.

The image shows two worksheets for an EHC Needs Assessment. The left worksheet is titled "What is important to me now" and has sections for "At school", "At home", "Just for fun", "At any other important places I go", and "What I like to do with my friends". The right worksheet is also titled "What is important to me now" and has sections for "Music", "Food", "Drink", "Hobbies", "TV programmes", and "What I really doesn't like at school, home or for activities". Both worksheets include small icons representing each category.

You have the right to say what kind of information you think should be in your plan and who you want to see it.

Lots of people will also help to write reports including:

- Your school or college
- People that support you
- An Education Psychologist (EP). This is someone who knows lots about how people learn
- If you currently see these - 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 that you want to write reports to explain your needs for you.

The law says that the Local Authority (the Council) must send everyone any reports that 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.

Are you
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and 25?

Other people that can ask for you are:

- Your parents or carers
- Your school or college or training provider
- People who already work with you like doctors or teachers.

If you want any help getting an EHC Needs Assessment then you can ask us at SEND Information Advice and Support Service.

If you do not agree with any of the information/reports then we can make sure that your views are heard.