

## 4.4 Providing Educational Advice for an EHC Needs Assessment

Once the Request for an EHC Needs Request has been agreed at panel the assessment period begins. During this assessment period the setting(s) the child attends will be asked by the Case Co-Ordinator to provide educational advice. This is intended to provide a full picture of where the child is at with their learning and give details of their learning style, strengths, any supportive strategies being used and all professionals who are, or have been, involved. You will also be required to identify and describe appropriate outcomes for the next 6/12 months.

Educational Advice is given in 4 areas of learning:

- Communication and Interaction
- Cognition and Learning
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health
- Sensory and/or Physical Needs including Self Care and Independence

Educational Advice needs to provide developmental information showing where the child is in each of these areas in the EYFS.

Some of this information may have already been provided by the setting on Part 8 of the 'Request for an EHC Needs Assessment' form. If there is no additional information to provide, or the child has not made progress since the request form was submitted you may want to direct the Lead Worker back to Part 8 when the Educational Advice is requested.

An example of document that can document Educational Advice can be found in Appendix.

Information on all 4 areas of learning can be found on the VLE (see *VLE > Early Years Providers > 11. SEND*).