

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

'An Education, Health and Care plan (EHC plan) is a legal document which describes a child or young person's aged up to 25 special educational needs, the support they need, and the outcomes they would like to achieve.

The special educational provision described in an EHC plan must be provided by the child or young person's local authority. This means an EHC plan can give a child or young person extra educational support. It can also give parents and young people more choice about which school or other setting the child or young person can attend.

An EHC plan can only be issued after a child or young person has gone through the process of an Education, Health and Care needs assessment'. (Council For Disabled Children)

Each Local Authority can design their own EHCP, however it must include the following clearly labelled section:

A: The views, interests and aspirations of the child, young person and their parents.

B: Special educational needs.

C: Health needs related to SEND.

D: Social care needs related to SEND.

E: Outcomes. What the plan aims to help the child or young person achieve.

F: Special educational provision. What support will be provided to help them achieve the outcomes.

G: Health provision.

H: Social care provision.

I: Placement - type and name of school or other educational setting.

J: Personal budget arrangements.

K: Advice and information –

