



Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan

An Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan outlines the educational, health and social needs of children and young people (0-25) who have special educational needs and disabilities.



An EHC plan is broken into a number of sections. If you find that the EHC plan put in place by your Local Authority is not fully meeting your child's needs there are some sections that are appealable.

Contents of an EHC plan

An Educational Health and Care plan should include the following:

- Section A - Views
- Section B - Special Educational Needs (SEN)
- Section C - Health
- Section D - Social care
- Section E - Outcomes
- Section F - Special Educational Provision (SEP)
- Section G - Health provision
- Section H - Social care provision
- Section I - School
- Section J - Personal budget
- Section K - Appendices

Appealable sections

If you are unhappy with any aspects of your child's EHC plan, below are the sections you can appeal.

Section B - Special Educational Need (SEN)

This section should identify and describe your child's special educational needs. If you don't agree with this description you can appeal this section to the SEN Tribunal.

If your child has health or social care needs that relate to their educational provision these should be detailed here.

Section F - Special Educational Provision (SEP)

Related to Section B, above, this section should detail the Special Educational Provision required by your child. The information should be detailed, specific, and the provision quantified.

Any health or social care provision which is a part of a young child's education or training should also be included in this section.

Section I - School

This section, which details where your child will receive their education, can be a common cause of contention for parents.

If you feel the school proposed by your Local Authority is unsuitable for your child, you can appeal this section, giving you the opportunity to demonstrate to a Judge why the school proposed is unsuitable.

You can also put forward your preferred alternative such as an independent, mainstream or specialist school.

Non-appealable sections

Section A - Views

The views and aspirations that parents have for their child are detailed here, as are the views, aspirations and interests of the child or young person in question.

The information here will have been gathered as part of the EHC needs assessment.

This can also take the form of a transfer review if your child was already in possession of a statement of SEN.

The information here can also be updated annually, as part of the EHC plan annual review.

Sections C and D - Health & social care

As well as setting out a child or young person's health and / or social care needs, these sections should include a description of their diagnoses and related symptoms.

They could also include information following a social care assessment. If any of the needs detailed in these sections also relate to a child / young person's education, they should also be listed in Section B.

Section E - Outcomes

This section should outline the intended outcomes for this child or young person, including long term goals and aims for adult life.

All goals relating to all aspects of the EHC plan - whether education, health or care - should be detailed here, not just those relating to section F (Special Educational Provision).

Sections G and H - Health & social care provision

If the provisions listed in either of these two sections is part of a child or young person's education or training, the information should also be included in Section F.

Sections J and K - Personal budget & appendices

Details of personal budgets are detailed in Section J.

Section K should include any supplementary information including any advice that was gathered during the assessment process that was used to inform the EHC plan.

PACE is a ground-breaking children's charity that transforms the lives of children and young people with motor disorders, such as cerebral palsy. If you or a family member require advice and support, you can discuss your circumstances by contacting us on 01296 392 739 or email info@thepacecentre.org.

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