



Education Health and Care Pathways (EHCPs)

From September 2014, all new assessments for children and young people from birth to 25 years with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities will follow the Education, Health and Care Pathway (EHC Pathway).

Statements of Special Educational Needs and Learning Difficulty Assessments will be replaced by Education, Health and Care Plans (EHC Plans).

An EHC Pathway has been developed with families, a range of people from education, health, social care services and the voluntary and community sector.

The timescale for assessment and completion of an EHC Plan is a maximum of 20 weeks. The Pathway has seven steps as shown below.

An EHC Plan will be co-produced with the child or young person, their family and the professionals that provide support. It will focus on the outcomes that are important to the child or young person.

A key working approach will be used, enabling services to better coordinate their support and provide families with a single point of contact. The vision is for all children and young people to be successful in their education and in their preparation for adulthood.

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Review Date: September 2017

The aim is to make a meaningful difference to their lives. Pupils at Mayfield School already have a statement and these will be converted into EHC plans over the next two and a half years in consultation with Parents, children and all professionals involved. Further information can be found on the website: [My Care in Birmingham](#)

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Advice & Support

Up to 4 Weeks

Up to 16 Weeks

Up to 20 Weeks

On Going

Step 1
My Story – Listen and Understand

Step 2
Request for EHC Assessment

Step 3 and Step 4
My Needs and My Plan:
EHC Plan drafted

Step 5
My Resources:
Draft EHC Plan is shared

Step 6
My Life:
EHC Plan is finalised

Step 7
My Review:
Implementation & Review

Ongoing assessment, advice and support through the Local Offer that informs the decision to refer for EHC Assessment

SENAR receive the request for EHC assessment

Information gathering and further assessment work completed by SENAR Plan Coordinator

SENAR Plan Coordinator shares the Draft EHC Plan with the family. The family have 15 calendar days to respond. The family express their preferences for an educational placement

The EHC Plan, including the personal budget, is finalised.

Implementation
The school or setting identify the short term targets, support & monitoring to meet the outcomes in the EHC Plan.

Initial discussions and preparation with parents/carers

SENAR Principal Officer presents request to EHC Panel Meeting (1)

SENAR Plan Coordinator drafts the EHC Plan

SENAR consults with governing body, principal or proprietor of educational institution. Educational providers must respond within 15 calendar days

SENAR Principal Officer presents the EHC Plan to the EHC Panel Meeting (2)
EHC Panel agrees and signs off the EHC Plan

Review
The EHC Plan will be reviewed at least annually

TAC/Family Meeting led by key worker to prepare the request for Education Health and Care assessment

EHC Panel either recommend ongoing support through the Local Offer or agree EHC assessment

Education, Health and Care Plan Meeting (12 weeks) is led by the SENAR Plan Coordinator with family and professionals to develop the plan

Request for EHC Assessment sent to SENAR

SENAR Principal Officer becomes the Plan Coordinator