

# SEN Support

The majority of children and young people who have special educational needs, will have their needs met through the additional and different provision provided at SEN Support in their early years setting, school or college.

A small minority of children or young people, who have the most complex needs, may require more intensive specialist help. If a child or young person does not make educational progress despite receiving high quality SEN Support, then an EHC needs assessment might be the next step.

## Cornwall's Education, Health and Care (EHC) Needs Assessment 20 week process

### Request phase

Weeks 0-6

Request for an EHC needs assessment is submitted.

The 20 week process begins.

Email/letters are sent to parents/young person and professional informing them that an EHC needs assessment is under consideration

**Decision making**  
The Local Authority will consider the evidence and decide if an EHC needs assessment is necessary.

Parents and/or the young person are informed whether or not an EHC needs assessment will take place.

**Exit point**

Decision made not to proceed. Feedback provided and parent/s or young person informed of right to appeal.

### Assessment phase

Weeks 7-16

**EHC Needs Assessment**

Parent/s of child/ young person are asked to submit their contribution, expressing their views, hopes and aspirations.

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**Decision making**

The Local Authority considers the information and evidence gathered as part of the EHC needs assessment and decides whether to issue an EHC plan.

Parents/ young person are informed of the decision. When it is decided an EHC plan will be issued, the Local Authority produces a draft EHC plan.

**Exit point**

Decision made not to issue an EHC plan. Feedback provided and parent/s or young person informed of right to appeal.

### EHC Plan phase

Weeks 17-20

**Consultation on draft EHC plan begins**

The Local Authority sends draft EHC plan to parents or young person for a 15 day consultation.

Parents and young person has the opportunity to request a specific educational setting be named in the final plan

Personal budget statement offered.

**Final EHC plan issued**

The Local Authority finalises EHC plan and sends a copy to parents or young person and professionals involved in the EHC needs assessment.

The EHC plan must be reviewed within 12 months.

Parent/s or young person informed of right to appeal if not in agreement with SEN part of EHC plan.

**SEN Support continues**

Additional and different provision provided at SEN Support