Understanding Education, Health & Care Plans

Session 1: What they are & how to apply



WHAT IS AN EHCP?

A legal document for children/ young people with SEND

It covers
education,
health and care
needs

It supports young people between the age of 0-25

SEN Support = school resources

EHCP = for more complex/long-term needs requiring extra support

EHCP brings legal rights

An EHCP is provided where your child's needs can't reasonably be met without additional specialist support under the 'graduated approach'. It looks at all your child's needs across education, health and social care. An EHCP supports your child from birth to the age of 25 and the process focuses on your child's aspirations so that they can achieve their personal goals.

HOW TO APPLY FOR AN EHCP

Anyone can request an EHCP: parent, young person (16+), or school

Form usually available on LA website or Lovel LA must reply within 6 weeks

letter to be

WHAT TO INCLUDE IN THE APPLICATION

- School reports, SENCO notes, professional assessments, medical letters
- Child's history: development, progress, health needs
- Parent/ home views: daily challenges, strengths, what works/ is not working
- Young persons voice (if possible)

If you think your child does have special educational needs that haven't been identified or which aren't being met, speak to staff at:

Your child's nursery, school or college	A Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)
Your GP or Health Visitor	Local Authority SEND department or SENDIASS

LEVEL OF DETAIL NEEDED:

Be specific: Use real examples Explain impact on learning, health & daily life.

Show how current support is not enough.

Include evidence wherever possible.