

EDUCATION, HEALTH & CARE (EHC) ASSESSMENTS

STAGE 1: the request

When we receive a request for an EHC assessment we will write to you to say hello and introduce ourselves. We will also tell you about what happens next in the assessment process.

We will send you an email invitation to an EHC Assessment discussion. This will be held online within six weeks of the initial request. We will also invite a representative from your child's school, nursery or post-16 college.



At the EHC Assessment discussion, we will talk about:



- What is going well for the child / young person
- What could be better for the child / young person
- What outcomes we need to work toward for the child / young person

During the conversation we will be able to decide whether:

- the child / young person has or may have Special Educational Needs (SEN), and
- whether they may require support to be outlined in an EHC Plan.



If the answer to both of these questions is 'yes', then we will agree to proceed with the assessment. We will use the remaining time in the meeting to talk about what the assessment will look like.

If the answer to either of these questions is 'no', then we will make recommendations about what next steps should be taken to ensure the child / young person is able to achieve their outcomes without an EHC assessment.