

What happens next?

As part of this new process you will have two people who will be supporting you as you proceed along the pathway. The first of these is your Family Supporter and the second is the EHC Plan Co-ordinator. They will work closely with each other as well as with you and their roles are described below.

Your Family Supporter will:

- Check that you are happy for them to act in this role
- Find out your views about what you think is going well and what could be better
- Find out what your hopes and aspirations are
- Either find out the same information from your son/daughter or work with someone else who is going to do this
- Work with you to prepare for the EHC Plan meeting
- Explain personal budgets and options which may be available to you
- Make sure we have up to date information about the services you use
- With the Plan Coordinator, set a date with you for the EHC Plan meeting and discuss who should be present and where the meeting will be held.

Your Plan Co-ordinator will:

- Liaise with you and your Family Supporter
- Check whether advice from other people is needed
- Write to request any further advice/information required
- Make the arrangements for the EHC Plan Meeting
- Write up the EHC Plan, collate and distribute all relevant information to you and to those who attended the meeting
- Be your contact in the future
- In offering the EHC Plan, Nottinghamshire County Council will ensure that no child or young person is disadvantaged in comparison with children and young people with a statement of SEN. However, you have the right to ask for the EHC Plan to be replaced by a statement of SEN.

More information is available from the EHC Plan Co-ordinators who can be contacted on: 0115 9774012 or 0115 9773323, or by contacting the Parent Partnership Service on: 0115 948 2888.

Nottinghamshire's Education, Health and Care Plan Pathway



A personalised pathway
for supporting children and young people with
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In September 2014, statements of Special Educational Needs (SEN) will be replaced by Education, Health and Care Plans (EHC Plans). The EHC Plan will provide the same statutory protection as the statement of SEN. However because it will cover from birth to age 25 it will extend the rights and protections to young people in further education and training.

Nottinghamshire is one of a number of authorities in England who are introducing their EHC Plan pathway and new arrangements a year earlier to provide feedback to the government. This will help to inform the new legislation that will be introduced in 2014. The pathway has been developed with families and a range of people from across education, health and care services and the voluntary and community sector.

From September 2013, we are offering all families who have requested a statutory assessment the opportunity to be considered for an EHC Plan instead of a statement of SEN. The timescale for assessment and completion of an EHC Plan is a maximum of 20 weeks. The Pathway has seven steps for a child, young person and their family as shown in the diagram below.

The aim of this new process is to make a meaningful difference to the lives of children, young people and their families.

