



## Information Advice and Support Kent

A service for  
special educational needs and disabilities-  
helping you to make informed choices

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## Getting the right kind of support



In the past, children and young people who needed extra help with learning had **Statements and Learning Difficulty Assessments**.

This has changed. Now they will have **Education, Health and Care plans** instead. Sometimes these are called **EHC plans**.

The plan will use information from your EHC Needs Assessment to say what you want to **achieve** and what **support** must be provided to help you.



## What is in the plan?



Everyone will have a different plan because it is **all about YOU**. We are all different.

It will have information like:

- Who you are
- How you communicate
- What you want to achieve
- Why you need help with things
- What kind and amount of support you need, and how often you must get it
- Where you go to school or college (if you do)



Once this support is written down in the plan, it **must** be given to you.



All the people that support you will be able to see your plan. It should help them work together to support you



You have the **right** to say what kind of information you think should be in your plan and who you want to see it.

## Who gets a plan?

If you had a **Statement** before, then this should be changed to an **EHC plan**. It should be changed some time **before April 2018**.



If you have a **Learning Difficulty Assessment (LDA)** you can **ask** for an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment.

If you are aged **25 years or under** and you need extra help with learning then you might get a plan to help you get more support.

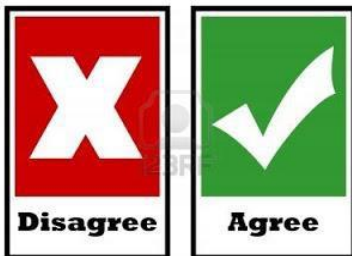
EHC plans will carry on until you are **25 years** old. They will **stop** if:



- You go to **University**
- You get a **job**
- The local authority thinks you do **not need** it anymore

You can tell the local authority what you think about your plan and they must listen to you

The local authority is sometimes called 'the council'. They might say that you do **not need** an EHC plan anymore if there are **big changes** that mean you no longer need the support in the plan. They will tell you first.



If you **do not agree** then you can say so. You can ask your local **Information, Advice and Support Service** for **help**.

## Will someone help me to get a plan?



There are people called **Independent Supporters** who are there to **help** families move from Statements to EHC plans.

You can **ask your local authority** to help you find an Independent Supporter.



To find out more about EHC plans, go to:  
**[www.youtube.com/user/WatchCDC](http://www.youtube.com/user/WatchCDC)**



**Information, Advice and Support Kent** can help if you have any **questions** about your EHC plan, Learning Difficulties Assessment or Statement.

**Ask** one of our members of staff for support.

**On request, this information can be provided in alternative formats and languages.**

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