



Education, Health and Care Assessment

What is it and how do you get one?

An education, health and care needs assessment (EHC needs assessment) is an assessment of your child's education, health and care needs.

You or the school can apply to the local council where you live for an EHC needs assessment if you think your child has difficulty with their learning which requires education or training provision that is additional to or different from that made generally for other children of their age and or ability.

Your local council must:

- decide whether an assessment is necessary
- consult with you and your child and take into account your views, wishes and feelings.
- Inform you of where you can get advice and information about the EHC assessment process
- tell you that you can send them information to support your application
- consider all information provided in support of your application
- tell you within six weeks whether or not they are going to carry out an EHC needs assessment

What can you do if the council refuses to carry out an EHC needs assessment?