

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.

More information is available from the EHC Plan Co-ordinators who can be contacted on: 0115 977 3779, or by contacting the Parent Partnership Service on: 0115 948 2888.

An animation explaining Nottinghamshire's Education, Health and Care Plan Pathway is available via the SEND Local Offer: www.nottinghamshire.sendlocaloffer.org.uk



A personalised pathway

for supporting children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities

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Nottinghamshire's Education, Health and Care Plan Pathway

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 have introduced their EHC Plan pathway and new arrangements a year early to provide feedback to the government. This has helped inform the Children and Families Act 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.

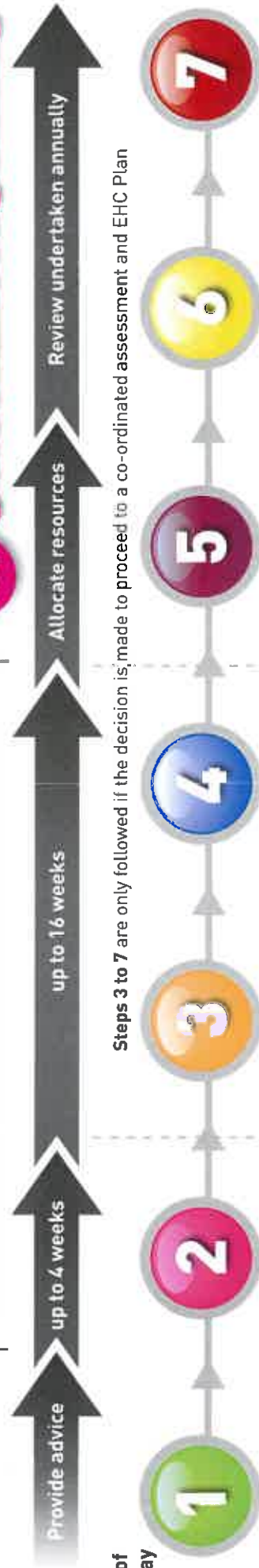
From September 2013, we have offered all families who have requested a statutory assessment the opportunity to be considered for an EHC Plan instead of a statement of SEN. The timescale for assessment and completion of an EHC Plan is a maximum of 20 weeks. The Pathway has seven steps for a child, young 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.



A personalised pathway

Maximum duration for the statutory element of the pathway is 20 weeks



Start of pathway

Steps 3 to 7 are only followed if the decision is made to proceed to a co-ordinated assessment and EHC Plan

Local Offer

Sets out services available for children and young people with SEN and disabilities (SEND) from birth to age 25 and their families. The majority of children and young people with SEND will have their support needs met through the Local Offer without the need for an EHC Plan.

Referral

Your referral will be acknowledged and information provided on what happens next. A decision will be made by a group of people from education, health and social care about whether or not your child is eligible for an EHC Plan. You will then be contacted about the decision and what happens next.

My Story

Enables you, with support if needed, to tell us about your child's needs, what support you are getting, what is working well or not and your hopes for the future. This will involve completing an 'All About Me' document.

My Plan

This stage is when the personalised EHC Plan will be developed. It will be co-produced with your son/daughter, yourself and the professionals that are providing support. A multi-agency meeting will be held to agree what is required to best meet the needs of your child, and how we will ensure that the desired outcomes will be achieved.

My Budget

Enables you to consider a number of options for you to personally manage some of the funding identified as being needed in the EHC Plan. Support will be available if you wish to take up this opportunity.

My Life

Having finalised the EHC Plan and the elements (if any) you wish to take up as a personal budget, support will be available to ensure that your child is achieving the outcomes described in the Plan and that you can make the best use of the funding available to you.

My Review

The EHC Plan will be reviewed at least annually to maintain its relevance to your son/daughters individual situation. In certain cases it may be reviewed more frequently, if this is agreed by you, your child and those providing support.