SENDIASS Barnsley Partnership for Young People

Education, Health and Care Plans (EHC) for Young People

Who is a young person?

You are a young person if you are over compulsory school age (16) but under 25. You will no longer be of compulsory school age after the last day of summer term during the year in which you become 16.

Who are EHC plans for?

EHC plans are for young people if you have a special educational need or disability that cannot be met by support that is usually available in college. EHC plans can continue until you are 25 but it will stop if you go to university or get a job. It can also stop if you tell your local authority you no longer want your EHC plan, or the local authority thinks you no longer need it.

Why would I have an EHC plan?

Having an EHC plan means the different agencies that provide your education, health and social care support will need to work more closely together to help you achieve your goals and make sure you are supported in the best way possible.

Your EHC plan will be tailored to meet your needs, it will include information about you, how you like to communicate, what support you need and what you would like to achieve.

Your plan will have your educational goals written in it and once you have achieved these you may no longer need it. You will have a review meeting of your plan every year and at this meeting you or those also responsible for your education provision and plan might decide you do not need it because you have no longer need additional special educational help.

Who can help me understand what all this means and how it will help me?

Talk to your family, teachers, tutors and support workers, or ask for help to contact Independent Support from your local Special Educational Needs Disability Information, Advice and Support Service for young people (SENDIASS) or phone us on 01226 787234. You can also go on the internet and look at the information leaflets written for you by the government at:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/sen-and-disability/youngpeople