

SCOTTY'S LITTLE SOLDIERS

EDUCATION HEALTH CARE PLAN

What is an Education Health Care Plan?

Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) are used to support children, young people and young adults with special educational needs. They are personalised to meet the needs of a person aged 0–25 years and every plan is unique to the individual.

An EHCP:

- Is for children and young people with complex needs which cannot be met with SEN (Special Educational Needs) support.
- Identifies educational, health and social needs. It sets out the additional support to meet those needs for a child or young person to achieve their best possible outcomes.
- Is based on a child or young person's needs and aspirations.
- Specifies how services will work together to meet a child or young person's needs and achieve agreed outcomes.
- Is a legal document.
- Can start from a child's birth and can remain in place until a young person is 25 years old.
- Is used to secure the provision which is assessed as being necessary.

Remember:

- Not all children with special educational needs (SEN) need an education, health and care plan (EHCP) to have their needs met.
- Some Children and Young people decide to explore private assessment options.

Requesting an EHCP assessment:

Requests are made by a parent or carer, the individual themselves (if aged between 16–25) or anyone who thinks it is necessary. For instance, friends, doctors or teachers.

If a care needs assessment is carried out, local authorities may request:

- Reports from the current school or service provider.
- A doctor's assessment.
- A letter from the person who requested the assessment.

The local authority then has 16 weeks to state if they intend to issue a plan.

Creating an EHCP:

The local authority drafts a plan based on the assessment to share with the individual or parent/carer. Following this, there is an opportunity to respond to the draft or request a specialist school or college.

A local authority has 20 weeks from the date they received the assessment request to issue the final EHCP. If you are unhappy with their decision, there are four areas you can challenge:

- Their decision to not carry out an assessment
- Their decision to not create an EHCP
- The special educational support in the EHCP
- The school or service named in the EHCP

Can Scotty's be part of an EHCP?

The best professionals to be involved are those who see your children on a regular basis such as schools, Early Help Team, GP or health care provider.

Please note that Scotty's cannot support with an EHCP – we are not legal specialists. An Education Health Care Plan is a legal document and if you need further help and support, we advise and encourage you to contact organisations who specialise in EHCP such as IPSEA (Independent Provider of Special Educational Advice).

Click the link to learn more: www.ipsea.org.uk

How can Scotty's support my child with special educational needs and disabilities?

Scotty's SUPPORT Programme offers specialist bereavement support to ALL our Members and Springboarders. If Scotty's aren't the right service, we can signpost to other organisations who can guide you appropriately. We are currently working with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) specialists to help us develop resources and enhance our current provision to be more inclusive.

Useful and Helpful links:

Gov.uk – www.gov.uk/children-with-special-educational-needs

SENDIAS – councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/about-us-0/networks/information-advice-and-support-services-network/find-your-local-ias-service

Family Action – www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/send/#:~:text=Family%20Action%20SEND%20services%2C%20provide,get%20the%20help%20they%20need

Universal SEND – www.wholeschoolsend.org.uk/page/universal-send-services

NHS England – www.england.nhs.uk/learning-disabilities/care/children-young-people/send

NHS Scotland – www.cen.scot.nhs.uk

