



Your Child's Statement & the new Education Health & Care Plans



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The Government is reforming the way we work together to support children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).

The vision:

1. Children's Special Educational Needs (SEN) are picked up early and support is routinely put in place quickly.
2. There is greater control for parents and young people over the services they and their families use.
3. Parents know what they can reasonably expect their local school, college, Local Authority and local services to provide without having to fight for it.
4. Practitioners have the knowledge, understanding and skills to provide the right support for children and young people who have SEN or are disabled.
5. Aspirations for children and young people are raised through an increased focus on life outcomes, including employment.
6. For more complex needs practitioners will work together with families. This can lead to a single Education, Health and Care Plan that can be in place from birth to 25.

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How will this effect your child's Statement?

- From the 1st September 2014 we will not be writing Statements. We will be writing Education, Health and Care plans.
- We have three years (by September 2017) to change all our current Statements into Education, Health and Care plans.
- Education, Health and Care plans will have the same legal status as Statements.
- While we alter our Statements into Education, Health and Care plans your child's Statement will not change and will remain a legal document.

What are we going to do next?

- We have over 900 Statements to change into Education, Health and Care plans.
- We will change all these over three years.
- We will rewrite your child's Statement at their Annual Review to become an Education, Health and Care plan.

Therefore:

- Between September 2014 and July 2015 all the Statements for children with ***dates of birth before and including 31/08/00*** will be changed via their annual review
- Between September 2015 to July 2016 all the Statements for children with ***dates of birth between and including 1/9/00 - 31/8/04*** will be changed via their annual review
- Between September 2016 to July 2017 all the Statements for children with ***dates of birth including and after 1/9/04*** will be changed via their annual review

You do not need to do anything now.

- When we change your child's Statement into an Education, Health and Care plan we will contact you and your child's school. This will be done through the annual review process.
- We will be asking your child's school to arrange an Annual Review and will be sending them and you the new Education, Health and Care plan form that will be completed, with you, at the Annual Review.
- This will replace your child's Statement.
- The new Education Health and Care plan will be a legal document.

For more information please discuss with the Special Educational Needs Coordinator at your child's school.

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