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EHCP Application

Do you think that your child or young person would benefit from extra support at school because they have more complex Special Educational Needs (SEN)?

Most children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities can have their needs met within a mainstream school and would generally be supported with a support plan within school, however an EHCP is a legal document that schools have to comply with and provide all of the provision outlined in the EHCP.

Most LA's will acknowledge that a child has a SEN but will not agree that they need an EHCP, however the legal criteria for a EHCNA (Educational Health Care Needs Assessment) are 2 legal tests within the Children & Families Act 2014 that have to be considered by the LA when a request for an EHCNA is made:

- (a) the child or young person has or may have special educational needs, and
- (b) it may be necessary for special educational provision to be made for the child or young person in accordance with an EHC plan.

As a parent you only have to write a letter to your LA requesting them to carry out a EHCNA, however, it is important to include as much supporting evidence as possible.

We can support you in completing the LA parent request forms, so that the correct information is submitted. Although your child is unique and they may have may strengths it is important to focus on the struggles they encounter.

As part of the parent request we offer the following:

1. Face to Face (at our office) or Teams meeting to go through the information needed for the forms.
2. Type up the forms and send to you to check over.
3. Send the form and any evidence on your behalf to the LA.
4. Ensure that the request has been received by the LA on your behalf. (This isn't always guaranteed due to how the LA respond).

The LA have 6 weeks to decide if they are going to assess.

