



## **Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP)**

### **Key information for Parents and Carers**

#### **What is an EHCP?**

An EHCP is for young people aged 25 or under who are in education or training and need additional support to the SEND support provided by their school or education setting. It sets out a child or young person's education, health and care needs and the extra support required to meet them.

Taken from the Devon County Council website - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/SENDd-local-offer/education-health-and-care-plans>

#### **Overview –**

This document is to be read in conjunction with the Devon's Graduated Response.

The timeline details the actions which need to be implemented ahead of applying for an EHC needs assessment.

The application for an EHC assessment is used for a child with 'long term complex needs' the application must be robust and demonstrate: action and impact over at least three school terms, and engagements from relevant professionals if required.

The school must demonstrate that it has used the cycle of 'Assess, plan, do, review' in conjunction with the Devon's graduated Response to meet a child's special educational need(s), before making a request for an Educational Health Care Assessment.

In the event that an EHCP is provided at the end of the process, the plan will detail the child's needs and appropriate provision identifying where these needs can be met. It won't necessarily lead to additional funds being provided to the school to meet the child's needs. 1:1 support is not provided by the local authority (LA) or school funding processes, any allocated funding is reviewed annually by the LA.

## SEND Flow Chart

