



## The Local Authority has agreed to assess for an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment (EHCNA)

What happens next?

**Step 1** - After the decision to assess has been made, the local authority must seek information and advice on your child/young person's needs from a range of professionals e.g. education, health and social care.

### How long does this take?



The advice from professionals should be received by the local authority **6 weeks** from the advice request date.

## Step 2 – Child views and parent/carer views

It is very important that we get your child/the young person's views and also your views as parent/carer.

If these have not already been provided with the request for assessment, we will write to you and ask you to complete a **Child Views and Family Conversation**. The school SENCO and Walsall SENDIAS can help with this.

**Step 3** - When we have received the completed advice from professionals, we will make a decision about the outcome of the EHCNA.

You will be notified of the outcome by letter.



If the local authority decides **not to issue** an EHC Plan, you must be notified by no later than **16 weeks** from the date of the first request to assess.

**Walsall SENDIAS** - This service provides free and impartial support to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and their parents and carers, including with the EHCNA process and writing views.

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