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	<p>Children and young people who have <b>special educational needs and disabilities</b> can now get this support for longer.</p> <p><b>0-25 years</b></p>
	<p>The government wants children and young people and their parents to have more say about the support they need.</p>
	<p>If your child has <b>special educational needs</b>, a school or college will look at how they can support them.</p> <p>They will look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• what support your child <b>needs</b></li> <li>• what they <b>can do</b> to give your child the support they need.</li> </ul>
	<p>The school or college will keep looking at the support they give your child and if it is enough to help them to learn.</p> <p>Your child might need different sorts of support at different times.</p>
	<p>For most children and young people with <b>special educational needs</b>, the support that a school or college can give is usually <b>enough to support them to learn</b>.</p>
<p><b>What is An Education, Health and Care Plan?</b></p>	
	<p>An <b>Education, Health and Care Plan</b> is a document that says what <b>support</b> a child or young person who has <b>special educational needs</b> should have.</p>

	<p>It looks at the <b>education, health</b> and the <b>social care support</b> a child or young person needs.</p>
	<p>Not all children or young people will need an <b>Education, Health and Care Plan</b>.</p> <p><b>Education, Health and Care Plans</b> are only for children and young people who <b>need a lot more support</b> than their school or college can usually give them.</p>
	<p>If your child has an <b>Education, Health and Care Plan</b>, it will say:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• what <b>education support</b> they will get to help them to learn</li> <li>• what <b>health support</b> they will get in their life</li> <li>• what <b>social care support</b> they might need in their life</li> <li>• what they want to do in the future</li> </ul>
	<p>Before your child can get an <b>Education, Health and Care Plan</b>, they must have an <b>Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment</b> to see what they need support with daily.</p>
<p><b>What happens during an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment?</b></p>	
	<p>To have an <b>Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment</b>, your child must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be under the age of 25</li> <li>• have special educational needs</li> <li>• be in school, college or training</li> <li>• need more support than their school or college can usually provide.</li> </ul>
	<p>You can ask the Local Authority for an <b>Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment</b> for your child.</p> <p>If your child is aged 16 or over, they can ask for it themselves.</p>

	<p>The Local Authority will let you know if your child can have an <b>Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment</b> within <b>6 weeks</b></p>
	<p>Lots of different people will say what they think your child might need support with. These people might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You</li> <li>• Your child</li> <li>• Someone from the local authority</li> <li>• A teacher</li> <li>• A doctor</li> <li>• Someone like a Speech and Language Therapist or an Educational Psychologist.</li> <li>• Physiotherapist/Occupational Therapist</li> <li>• A Social Worker / Local Support Teams</li> <li>• CAMHS</li> <li>• Anyone else working with your child</li> </ul>
	<p>When they have done this, the Local Authority will decide if your child needs any more support than a school or college can usually give.</p>
	<p>If your child does need more support than a school or college can usually give, the local authority will give them an <b>Education, Health and Care Plan</b>. The local authority will let you know if your child can have an <b>Education, Health and Care Plan</b> within <b>16 weeks</b>.</p>
	<p>During the <b>Education Health and Care Needs Assessment</b>, you can have the chance to say what you think about the support your child needs.</p>

	<p>If you need any support when your child is having an <b>Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment</b>, you can ask for an independent supporter to help you.</p>
	<p>You can have your say about what is put in your child's <b>Education, Health and Care Plan</b>. You may be asked things about your child, like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What you think they might want to achieve when they are older</li> <li>• Whether you think their <b>Education, Health and Care Plan</b> will give them the support they need.</li> </ul>
	<p>You can also help <b>make decisions</b> about things like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the school or college your child might want to go to</li> <li>• whether you want to use a personal budget for some of the support in your child's <b>Education, Health and Care Plan</b>.</li> </ul>
	<p>If your child is aged 16 or over, they will be the main person making these decisions unless they lack capacity to do so.</p>
	<p>If your child is under 16 years old, you will be the main person making decisions about your child's support. They should still be asked to have their say about their support, wishes and feelings</p>
<p><b>20 weeks</b></p>	<p>It will take up to 20 weeks for your child to get an <b>Education, Health and Care Plan</b> if they need one.</p>
	<p>The local authority must <b>review</b> your child's <b>Education, Health and Care Plan</b> every year. (every 6 months for u5 years olds)</p>