

Guidance for completing Social Care Advice for Statutory EHC Assessment

1. Background Information

Any relevant background information about the child or young person should include:

- *Details of current or recent (i.e. within the last 6 months) involvement of Social Care Services*
- *This section should identify the nature of the social care involvement (early help/early support/CAF, single assessment, Child in Need, Child Protection, Looked After, adult social care plan)*

2. The views, interests and aspirations of the child, their parents or the young person

This informs Section A of an EHC Plan

Please provide information, in any areas where you feel able to comment, about:

- *The child or young person's interests, achievements and strengths.*
- *What is important to the child or young person now and in the future. Their short term and long term aspirations.*
- *How best to support and communicate with the child or young person.*
- *How best to ensure the child or young person participates in decision making.*

3. The child or young person's social care needs

This informs Section D of an EHC Plan

- a) ***Child/ young person's (under 18) social care needs that require provision under section 2 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970.***

Please summarise:

SW : Single Assessment a) identified unmet needs b) Analysis and c) Resource allocation

OT: e records referral assessment form – list of OT concerns /unmet needs

- b) ***Social care needs that are subject to a current plan i.e. early help/CAF, single assessment, child in need, child protection, looked after, adult social care plan for young people over 18, etc.)***

SW: *Please complete in two separate sections with ref to i) communication and interaction ii) cognition iii) physical and sensory iv) social emotional and mental health*

- 1) *Reason for plan : for CIN please synthesise section 8.1.1
for CIC please synthesise reasons for child being in care,
for CP plan for synthesise reasons for being on CP plan*
- 2) *Needs of Child: for CIN plan: please synthesise 'What is Need' Ref 10.1
for CIC plan: please synthesise Placement plan – summary of needs*

for CP plan: please synthesise child's needs/reason for being on CP

OT: e records referral assessment form – list of OT concerns /unmet needs

4. The Outcomes for the child or young person

This informs Section E of an EHC Plan

Outcomes should capture the overall benefits or difference the provision will make for the child or the young person under the relevant areas of need. Outcomes should be forward looking, personalised and SMART.

SW: for CIN Plan: please synthesise 'How will we know support offered has helped?' Ref 10.1

For CIC Plan: These will need to be identified by SW from progress updates in each section of CIC plan

For CP plan: please synthesise 'desired outcomes'

OT: please synthesise e records referral assessment plan

5. Social Care Provision

This informs Section H of an EHC Plan

a) Any social care provision that must be made for a child under 18 under section 2 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Person's Act 1970. (H1)

Social care provision must be detailed, specific and normally quantified in terms of the type of support and who will provide it. (Including where this is to be secured by a personal budget)

SW: Please synthesise the following:

For CIN plan: 'what support and who will offer it' Ref 10.1

For CIC plan: all relevant planned actions from each section of CIC plan

For CP plan: 'Actions/by who/by when'

OT: synthesise resources identified on plan at end of referral assessment form on e records

b) Social Care provision reasonably required as a result of the child or young person having special educational needs (H2)

Social care provision reasonably required may include provision identified by early help, children in need assessments and safeguarding assessments for children. This will include any adult social care provision reasonably required to meet eligible needs for young people over 18 set out in an adult care and support plan under the Care Act 2014 (including where this is to be secured by a personal budget). It can also include any other social care provision required that is not linked to their learning difficulties or disabilities but appropriate to include in the EHC Plan.