

FAQs for Educational Psychology EHC assessments

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Introduction and purpose of document

This document was created by WCF EP Team and Associate EPs who complete statutory assessments on behalf of WCF EP Team, following feedback from 9 families (out of 70) in our questionnaire data who felt that EPs could only 'partially' answer all of their questions. An invitation to Families in Partnership and the WCF Parent Engagement Advisor to contribute was also made. This is an initial draft and will be revised over time in response to any feedback given.

The purpose of this document is to reflect the questions and answers that parent/carers may have by way of signposting EPs and parent/carers to the information they need.

The document is organised based on themes of questions, and there are links to the local offer and other websites in the appendix.

Timescales

How long will it take from your report to when I hear from SEND with a draft EHC Plan if they agree to a Plan?

There is a 20 week statutory timeframe from request submission to final plan; so based on the dates this would be approximately.....*(and the EP will work with parent/carer to establish what this is).*

As the portal is available to parents/carers, EPs can also signpost them to this, as well as SEND Services:

Helpline: 01905 845579

Email: sen@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk

What happens now?

SEND Services will review all of the reports from professionals to decide if an Education, Health and Care Plan is required for your son/daughter. SEND Services will send you a copy of the psychological advice/report.

Outcomes of assessment

Does this mean they will get an EHC Plan?

EPs can't give an answer because we are advice givers and not decision makers. We do not see all of the reports provided for the statutory assessment, as our report, and those of others, gets sent to SEND Services. SEND Services make the decision following the assessment about whether to issue an education, health and care plan.

What if SEND Services say an EHC plan is not needed?

Parent/carers can seek advice from SENDIASS: 01905 768153 sendiass@worcestershire.gov.uk

Educational Placement

What school should I send my son/daughter to?

EPs cannot advise on specific schools, only the provision that your son/daughter needs. There are details on the website about all settings in Worcester on the local offer: [Find a school or specialist educational provision | Worcestershire County Council](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/send-local-offer-0/education-schools-and-colleges-send/find-school-or-specialist-educational-provision) <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/send-local-offer-0/education-schools-and-colleges-send/find-school-or-specialist-educational-provision>

Who can help me think about schools for my son/daughter?

Families in Partnership and SENDIASS are two organisations who may be able to support you with your decision. The Families in Partnership website is: [Parent Carer Forum | Home | Worcestershire Association of Carers \(carersworcs.org.uk\)](https://www.carersworcs.org.uk/parent-carer-forum) <https://www.carersworcs.org.uk/parent-carer-forum>

And their email is: enquiriesfip@carersworcs.org.uk

SENDIASS is: [Welcome to SENDIASS Herefordshire and Worcestershire | Worcestershire County Council](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/sendiaass) <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/sendiaass>

What is the process for agreeing placements in special schools?

There is a panel who meet to discuss this. Information about this process can be found on the local offer at: [EHCP – Education, health and care plans | Worcestershire County Council](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/send-local-offer-0/education-schools-and-colleges-send/ehcp-education-health-and-care-plans) <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/send-local-offer-0/education-schools-and-colleges-send/ehcp-education-health-and-care-plans>

Transport to school/setting

Can you support my request for LA transport for my child?

The decision making around LA transport is not something that EPs are involved in however, we will record parents/carers needs/request for this support within our psychological advices so that SEND Services know that parents have discussed this with us.

Parent/carers can also be signposted to the local offer: [School and college travel | Worcestershire County Council](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/school-and-college-travel) <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/school-and-college-travel>

Accessing health assessments, for example ASD or ADHD

How do I get my son/daughter assessed for ASD/ADHD? And how long does it take?

EPs are not involved in these specific assessments. Parent/carers need to seek medical advice about this and can also talk to the SENCO at school. The SENCO might also make contact with the

Worcestershire Children First Complex Communication Needs Team who can provide advice and support in school.

There are details on the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health Care website: [Our Services | Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust \(hacw.nhs.uk\)](https://www.hacw.nhs.uk/services/service/umbrella-service-125/#service-about-the-service-tab)
<https://www.hacw.nhs.uk/services/service/umbrella-service-125/#service-about-the-service-tab>

And: [Our Services | Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust \(hacw.nhs.uk\)](https://www.hacw.nhs.uk/services/service/community-paediatric-team-18/)
<https://www.hacw.nhs.uk/services/service/community-paediatric-team-18/>

Does my son/daughter need a diagnosis of ASD/ADHD to get an Education, Health and Care plan?

No; the statutory assessment process looks at what the needs of your child are, rather than what diagnoses they may have been given.

How will my son/daughter's demand avoidant behaviours be reflected in the psychology advice?

As will all needs, this will be explained in relation to the triangulation of evidence as a result of the assessment, and how this impacts on your son/daughter's access to their education.

Appendix

Links to the local offer that can be useful for parents/carers

Advice and guidance regarding the statutory assessment process

[Who to contact for advice and guidance | Worcestershire County Council](#)

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/send-local-offer-0/who-contact-advice-and-guidance>



Information about statutory timelines

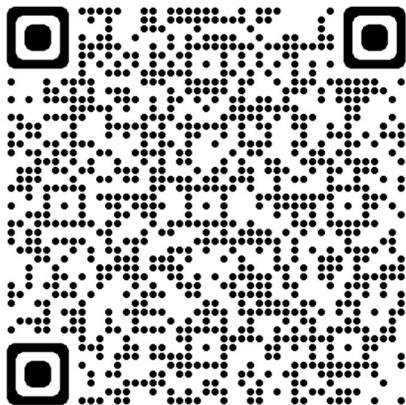
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Information about the SEND Parent Portal

Parent guide: [EHCP Parent Guide \(worcestershire.gov.uk\)](#)

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/202305/EHCP%20Parent%20Guide%20to%20Parent%20Portal.pdf>



Information about SENDIASS

[Welcome to SENDIASS Herefordshire and Worcestershire | Worcestershire County Council](#)

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/sendias>



Information about schools/educational settings

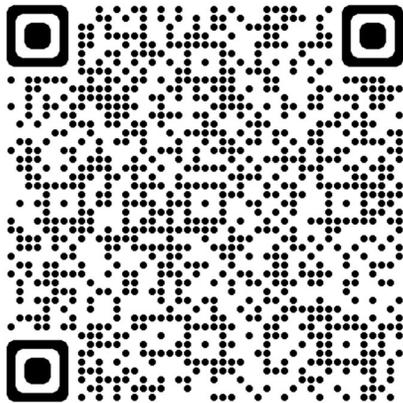
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Information about transport

[School and college travel | Worcestershire County Council](#)

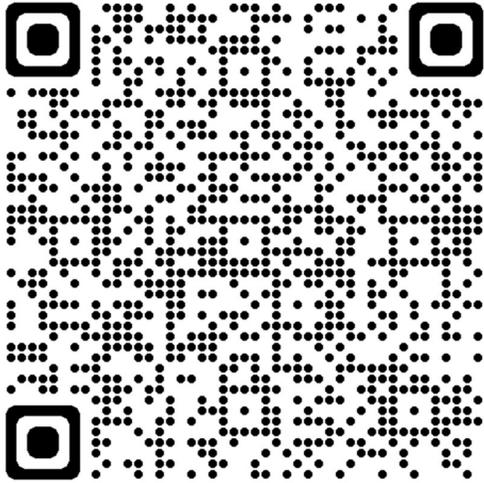
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Information about the Umbrella Pathway

[Our Services | Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust \(hacw.nhs.uk\)](#)

<https://www.hacw.nhs.uk/services/service/umbrella-service-125/#service-about-the-service-tab>



Information about the Community Paediatric Team

[Our Services | Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust \(hacw.nhs.uk\)](#)

<https://www.hacw.nhs.uk/services/service/community-paediatric-team-18/>