



## South East London Clinical Commissioning Group

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Dear GP,

Recent legislative changes have led to the development of a new Code of Practice for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) 2014 which has led to the following changes in processes:

- Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP) have replaced Statements of Special Educational Need
- A shortened time-frame of 20 weeks from request for an EHCP needs assessment (by parent, young person, or educational setting) to delivery of the EHCP
- EHCPs focussed on *outcomes* for the child, based on the child/young person/parent's aspirations (*rather than being focussed on service provision*)
- Continuation of support from 0-25 years of age for more effective *Preparation for Adulthood*

As health information may be required for young adults of 18-25 year olds, in agreement with the CCG and Local Authority, **you may now be requested to compile a health-report** on a young adult for the purpose of an EHCP needs assessment. For young people aged <18 years old, this report will continue to be written by Community Paediatricians within the Community Child Health service at Sunshine House Child Development Centre. Other health professionals involved in the young person's care will be requested to complete a report based on their own area of expertise, e.g. Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech and Language therapists.

We do not anticipate this being overly onerous as the young people you are likely to get the requests for will already be known to you via your LD register. The QOF requirements for this group of clients are that they have an annual health assessment and therefore you should already have most if not all of the information required for the report. Our paediatrician colleagues at Sunshine House have very helpfully developed a set proforma (attached) that they use for these reports.

We therefore recommend use of a similar report lay-out which will be available as a part populated form on DXS using the headings as detailed below, as this will help the EHCP report-writers who compile the final EHCP and have an education background rather than a health background.

In the final section it is requested that the young person's desired **Outcomes** are considered, and the services that will be needed to support those outcomes. Specifically from a health perspective, examples might include availability to appropriate medication to maintain good health, accessibility

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to mental health services to maintain mental good health, improvement to sleep patterns, regular visual/hearing assessments as appropriate, keeping safe, sexual health, weight management etc

Please contact the Designated Medical Officer (Dr Jessica Turnbull) for Special Educational needs and Disability at Sunshine house via the DMO administrator Catherine Dunn - Tel 020 3049 8078 if you require any further information or support in completing a health report.

We recommend the following learning module and advice for those leading on SEND in your practice(s).

<http://www.rcgp.org.uk/learningdisabilities>

**Appendix:**

<b>Professional advice on the child's/ young person's needs as seen from a medical perspective:</b>	
Child's name:	
Date of Birth:	
NHS Number:	
Date of Assessment:	
Assessment age:	
Date report written:	

**Child/Young Person's and Family's aspirations:**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Diagnoses/ Current concerns:**

**Medical Information** (incl background medical history, summary of condition, how is condition presenting/affecting function for *this* child, what are future implications):

**Strengths and needs:**

**Physical** (incl. general health, medications, allergies, sleep, diet, activity) **and Sensory** (incl. hearing, vision):

**Cognition and learning:**

**Communication and Interaction:**

**Social, mental and emotional well-being:**

**Independence and community involvement:**

**Existing intervention/ management:**

Housing:  
Equipment and aids:

**Additional health information:**

Desired Outcomes (what this will mean for...)	What ... needs to support him/her	Who will provide the support?	How will we know if the outcome is being met

Name of practitioner completing advice:  
Date: