

Transfer for students with SEND to Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)

As a result of the Department of Education new strategy for the provision of students with SEN there is a requirement for all children and young people with statements of SEN to be transferred over to the new Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) by April 1st 2018.

Local Authorities are the designated body responsible for the transfer process. A series of consultations with education settings, parent carers and young people has taken place and identified the timeframe for the transfer from statements to EHC plans to take place.

Surrey local authority has published the timetable for transfers. This timetable aims to allow for as many students as possible to transfer to the new EHC plan prior to entering a new stage of their education provision.

The published timetable is as follows.

	September 2014-15	September 2015-16	September 2016-17	September 2017-18
Statement of SEN transferred to EHCP	Year 10 Year 11 Year 14	Year 9 Year 10 Year 14	Year 9 Year 14	Year 9

Young people in Surrey with statements will be transferred as they reach the identified year group within the highlighted academic year. For students from other authorities whilst the timeframe is similar students may be selected for transfer outside of this timeframe, those parents will be notified of this via the Local Authority overseeing the process for their child. The transfer process must be led and initiated by the local authority, and follows the individual Local Authority statutory timetable. Further information can be obtained from the individual authority websites. If your child is identified for transfer this academic year the annual review will be replaced by an EHCP transfer meeting led by the Local Authority representative.

As the timetable for transfer was set after the dates for Annual reviews were set there will be a need to amend the timetable for this academic year to reflect the transfer process. Parent carers affected will be notified of this change by the school identifying that the scheduled annual review has been cancelled and a date for the transfer meeting will be notified once these have been provided by the Local Authority.

Information detailing the process of transfer and the format of the new EHCP will be sent by the local authority in advance of the transfer meeting.

For those year groups not scheduled to transfer over to EHCPs this year Annual Reviews will be held as normal using the same process and focussing on the existing statement.

The SEN team are working with schools and parents to support the transfer process and detailed guidance is now available on:-

Surrey County Council website, accessed through the following link:

www.surreycc.gov.uk/learning/special-educational-needs-and-disability-send/changes-to-send-support-in-2014

Croydon County Council web site:-

www.croydon.gov.uk/education/special-education-needs/sen-education/sen-healthcare

Southwark web site:-

<http://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/education--health-and-care-plan/tranfer-from-a-statement-to-an-ehc/>

Merton web site

<http://localoffer.merton.gov.uk/kb5/merton/directory/advice.page>

Lewisham web site

<http://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/special-educational-needs/pages/transition-review-of-statements-of-special-educational-needs-to-education-health-and-care-plans.aspx>

If you have any questions, queries or concerns please contact the school and we will support you as best we can.

Yours Sincerely

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