Waltham Forest Education, Health and Care Pathway
– A personalised pathway
In September 2014 the Children and Families Act becomes law. This brings changes to the way that children with complex special educational needs and disabilities are assessed.

Statements of special educational needs (SEN) will be replaced by Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans. This will be achieved in a planned way by April 2018.

The EHC Plan will provide the same statutory protection as a statement of SEN; however it will extend the rights of children and young people with complex needs because it will cover from birth to 25 if young people continue in education.

Waltham Forest has developed a pathway with parents, young people and professionals across education, health and care services.

The aim of the new pathway is to make a meaningful difference to the lives of children, young people and their families.

The Pathway has 6 steps for the child or young person and their family.

1. **SEND Support**
   - The Majority of children with SEN and disabilities will stay at this step.
   - It provides support and resources through the Local Offer for education health and care through universal and targeted services available without the need for a statutory EHC Plan. This includes support available in early years settings and schools, services for example speech and language therapy and support from an educational psychologist.

2. **My Referral**
   - Referrals can come from parents, young people (over age 16), schools and other services. Referrals are made for children and young people with complex needs that require complex support arrangements. If a referral is considered a meeting will be arranged to involving the family, school/setting and other professionals involved to decide whether to start an EHC Assessment.
   - Everyone will look at what support is in place, what support is required and the eligibility criteria. If the child or young person has complex needs it may be recommended to start an assessment.

3. **My Story**
   - Not all children will reach this step. It is here the statutory assessment starts and parents and children will complete the ‘All About me’ information with support if needed. This is a person centred report all about the child or young person.
   - All the professionals involved with the child will complete an assessment report within 6 weeks. It is where good quality information is gathered about the child or young person’s needs and aspirations.

4. **My Plan**
   - At this step a meeting will be held with the child/young person and their family to co-develop the EHC Plan. The family will be asked to make a preference for Early Years Setting/School or College.
   - The L.A will send the plan to all involved and consult with parents’ choice of school.

5. **My Budget**
   - The family or young person (if over 16 years old) can request an individual budget to be used to fund some of the interventions in the EHC Plan e.g. short breaks support for activities. It can be included in the EHC Plan.
   - This enables those who wish to have more choice and control over their support.

6. **My Review**
   - The EHC Plan will be reviewed annually through a person centred review meeting held at the early years setting, school or college. The review will involve the child/young person, the family and services that provide support.
   - The review will look at all elements of the plan, and the progress against the outcomes. The EHC Plan may be changed to reflect the progress made.
What do the SEN Team do?

The SEN Team

• Consider referrals for EHC assessments
• Carry out the statutory assessment process
• Co-produce EHC plans with parents/young people
• Change statements to EHC Plans following the annual review
• Make updates to EHC Plans
• Organise school placements for children with statements or EHC plans

SEN Team can be contacted

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