

**This is my child**

**Information about your child for an Education Health and Care (EHC) needs assessment**

**‘This is my child’ is a form for you to fill in that helps other people understand about your child.**

You can write your answers on this form, or you can add the information online straight into the [EHC hub](https://ehchub-devon.openobjects.com/).

**You can access this using a computer, tablet or smart phone.**

To do that you will need to have been invited to use the EHC Hub and then registered to use it. If this hasn’t happened, contact the SEN 0-25 team to ask about it. If you’re using the Hub, you can also upload your views as a video, pictures or photos as well.

The boxes below will get bigger as you type if you’re adding lots of information. That’s OK! If you need help to fill out the form or need some ideas, there’s some tips on pages three and four.

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| **Child’s name** |  | **Child’s date of birth** |  |
| **Your name and role (e.g. mum or dad)** | |  | |
| **What is the best way to contact you? (phone, email, post)** |  | | |
| **You can share this form with the professionals involved with your child. If there is anyone you prefer information not to be shared with, say here.** |  | | |

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|  | **Important things to know about our family history** |
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|  | **Things that are working well at home and at school** |
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|  | **Things that are not working well and we would like to change** |
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|  | **Our hopes, dreams and aspirations for the future** |
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|  | **Other information we think is important** |
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| **How to fill in ‘This is my child’** |
| **What is ‘This is my child’ for?**  This is my child helps other people understand your child. It tells others about their strengths and difficulties, what they’re good at and what they find hard. It tells people about the support they need at home and in their local community.  **Why should I fill it in?**  Being involved in the decisions made about your child’s future is important and filling in the form can help you share your views. The information you give is shared with the SEN 0-25 team at Devon County Council. They decide who needs an education health and care plan. To help them decide if your child needs one, they will look at what you say. They will ask your child’s school for their views, as well as any other professionals who support your child.  **What do I need to say?**  The SEN 0-25 team need to know:   * what your child is good at and the things that are important to them that make their life enjoyable * the things your child finds difficult and things that are important for them to be able to learn * your goals and aspirations for your child – what you see them doing in the future   **I’m not sure what to write**  There are some ideas on the next page to help you think about what to write.  **I need help filling this in**  You can ask someone you know and trust to help you or you can contact DiAS at www.devonias.org.uk or call on 01392 383080 for help. |

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| **Top tips for filling in the form** |
| * Remember that there are no right or wrong answers. Everyone is different - the SEN 0-25 team want to know about your child and what you think. * Your views might be different from your child’s school and that’s OK. * Chances are, you won’t have met the people at the SEN 0-25 team who will decide whether your child needs an EHC plan. So, create a really clear picture of who your child is – what they’re like at home, in their local community, with family and friends. * It’s helpful if you can say **why** your child enjoys certain things or find certain things difficult. For example, they might enjoy playing computer games and that’sgreat. But if you can say what makes it enjoyablefor them too, that’s even more helpful. So maybe it’s because they like spending time with their friends online, or maybe it’s because they like playing strategy games that make them think. The more you can say about it, the better! |

**Here are some ideas to help you share your views in ‘This is my child’**

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| **What is your child good at?**  **What is important to them and makes life enjoyable?** | **What does your child find difficult?**  **What helps them at home?** |
| Think about things like   * what motivates them? * what other people like and admire about them * what makes your child happy their skills and the subjects they like * family life, friends and social life * hobbies, leisure time and interests * anything or anyone that helps them at home, which they couldn’t do without * their health, activities and sports * getting around and being independent | Think about what your child may need help with, such as:   * remembering, planning or organising things * understanding schoolwork, taking exams or getting help with learning * getting around school or out and about * relationships and friendships * understanding rules, instructions or other people * your health, taking care of themselves or staying safe * family and social life, hobbies and interests |

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| **What are your hopes and dreams for your child?** |
| These are some things to think about……   * How independent your child could be and how much you’d like them to be able to do themselves. * Life outside of school – what would be your hopes for their friendships and relationships, their social lives and their leisure time? * For older children, do you hope they’ll live independently, get a job or volunteer? * The kind of education you think will help them achieve their best – skills based, academic or a mix? |

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| **I’ve filled it in. Now what?**  Save a copy before you email or post it. Then send a copy to:   * SEN 0-25 Team, Room L102, County Hall Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QD or * specialeducation0-25-mailbox@devon.gov.uk |

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