

11. Moving Between Local Authorities with an EHCP



What Happens to the EHCP If We Move to a Different Local Authority Area?

When you move between local authorities in England with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), there are specific legal processes and timelines that both the old and new local authorities must follow to ensure continuity of support.

You should notify your current local authority (LA) at least **15 working days before the move**, and they must transfer the EHCP to the new LA **on the day of the move**.

If you give less notice, the transfer must happen **within 15 working days** of the old LA becoming aware.

Once transferred, the **new LA becomes legally responsible** for maintaining the EHCP and delivering the special educational provision in Section F, as if they had issued it themselves.

If the school named in Section I of the EHCP is no longer practical (e.g., too far away), the new LA must arrange an **appropriate alternative placement** until the EHCP is reviewed and amended.

The new LA **cannot refuse to fund** a named independent or non-maintained school unless they formally amend the EHCP.

Review Timelines

The new LA must notify you **within 6 weeks** of the transfer that they have received the EHCP and when they plan to review it.

They must conduct a review **within 12 months** of the last review or **within 3 months** of the transfer – **whichever is later**.

If the move also changes the Integrated Care Board (ICB) responsible for health services, the new ICB must ensure health provision continues. If not practicable, they must request a reassessment or review within **15 working days**.

Need More Support?

If you would like further information on the EHCP process, please contact Doncaster [SENDIAS Service](mailto:sendias@doncaster.gov.uk) by calling [01302 736920](tel:01302736920) or email: sendias@doncaster.gov.uk.



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