

EHC Assessments and Plans	Statutory Assessment and Statements
On the EHC Pathway schools are able to consider a child's or young person's needs across education, health and care.	Statutory Assessment only considers the child or young person's educational needs
To support the referral, schools will collate assessment information that they already have, or know about, and submit it along with evidence of support provided in school. This should be a fairly quick process	Schools make a referral with supporting evidence. They then obtain an Educational Psychology report and submit another form called an Appendix B. This can take quite a long time.
Parents/carers may have a key worker to help them through the process. Someone in school could have a role in this support.	Parents/carers have said that the Statementing process was very difficult for them and that they did not feel that they had very much support.
The views of young people and families about an individual's needs and their hopes for the future are a key aspect of the process.	Parents/carers give their views in writing and tend not to have opportunities for face to face meetings unless requested.
The planning meeting to draw up the EHC Plan involves parents, the young person, where appropriate, and professionals who have assessed the child or young person. School is involved in shaping and developing the provision in the plan	The Statement is written by a council officer, schools implement the plan and parents have the right to object
EHC Plans will be personalised. That means that all the child's or young person's individual needs in education, health and care will be considered and the plan will then be shaped to meet their personal circumstances.	The statement considers educational needs only and describes the provision required.
The resources that are available will be used flexibly to allow families to make some choices about the provision their child/young person receives. Schools will be consulted about provision affecting work in school.	Resources are provided to school to make the prescribed provision.
A Personal Budget may be available to families to choose how to support the child or young person.	There are no personal budgets attached to statements
The time taken to produce an EHC Plan is 20 weeks.	The time taken to produce a Statement is 26 weeks.

It is important to note that these differences apply to the Wigan Pathfinder Pilot and could change when the new legislation is enacted.