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Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment – Part 2

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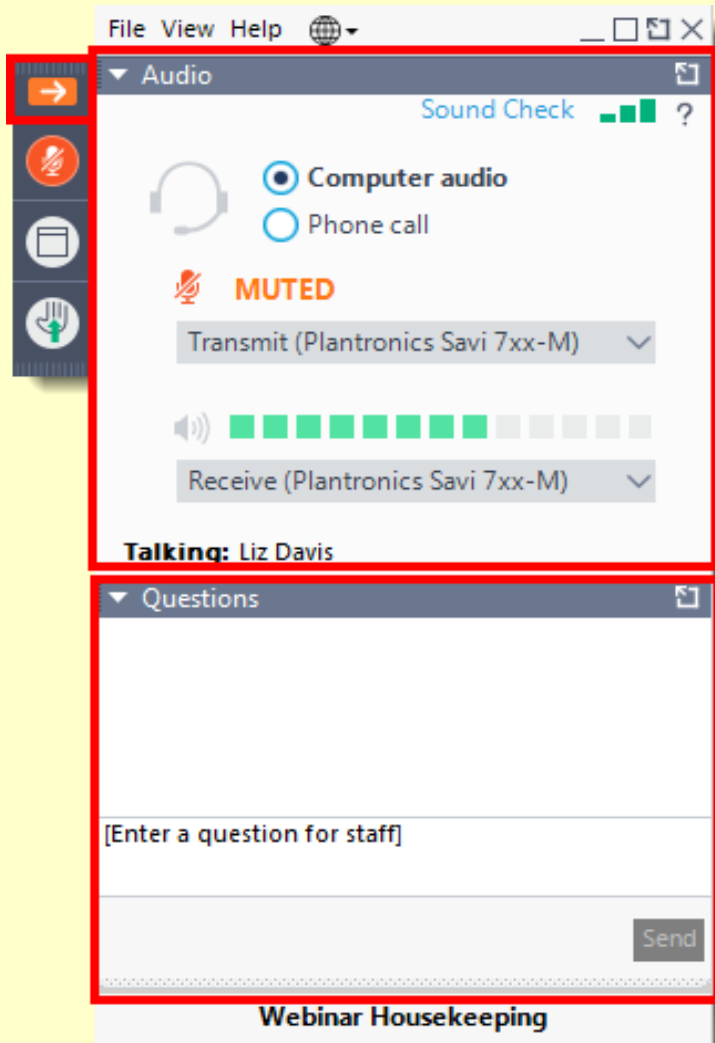
Today's Webinar

- Welcome! Today's webinar is being hosted by HPCI (the parent carer forum for Hertfordshire) and delivered by Kaylie Wildash from the SENDIASS team
- HPCI's main role is to influence the development and improvement of services for children and young people with SEND aged 0-25 years in Herts by representing the views and experiences of their parents and carers at a strategic decision making level.
- Make sure you add your voice and join our parent carer network – details about how to do this are at the end.

Housekeeping

- Here are a few housekeeping items to help you during the webinar
- The webinar will be recorded and may be made available for others online at a later date
- You will be on mute during the session but you can ask questions in the control panel on the side

The control panel



- Open and close your control panel using the orange arrow button at the top left.
- Audio: you will be muted so you won't need to use this section.
- Submit questions and comments via the Questions panel please don't name your child or their school/education setting

If you don't want your questions shared more widely than the attendees today, please let the meeting organizer know.

Education, Health & Care Needs Assessment

Part Two – Weeks 6 to 16

Refusal or Agree to assess...What happens next?



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What is SENDIASS?

The **S**pecial **E**ducational **N**eeds and **D**isabilities **I**nformation, **A**dvice and **S**upport **S**ervice provides **impartial** and **confidential** information, advice and support to parents and carers of children with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**, and young people and children with **SEND** aged 0-25.

Aims of Today



By the end of this session, we hope you will have a better understanding of:

Why the Local Authority may refuse to do an EHC NA

The options parents have following a refusal to assess

What happens when an EHC NA is agreed

How you & your child are involved

Webinar Jargon Busting

- **LA** – Local Authority
- **EHC NA** – Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment
- **EHCP** – Education, Health and Care Plan
- **SEND CoP** – Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice 2015
- **YP** – Young People
- **CYP** – Children & Young People
- **SENCo** – Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator

Deciding if an EHC NA is necessary?

Evidence of attainment

Information about Child's SEN

Evidence of action taken

Evidence of where progress has been made

Evidence of the child's needs

And if additional time is needed in education for those 18+

Refusal to Assess

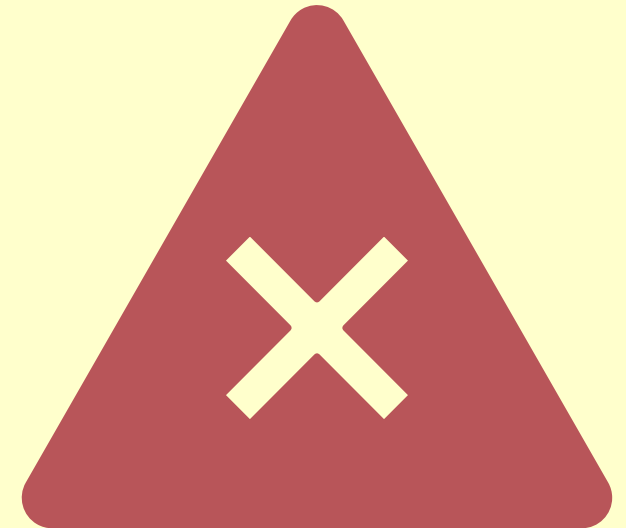
*The
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States...*

The Local Authority must give its reasons for this decision where it decides not to proceed. **(9.17)**

Refusal to Assess

Why might the Local Authority refuse to assess?

- Lack of Information
- More support could be offered from the setting
- More time needed to see the impact of support strategies
- If the needs can be met within a setting



Options Following a Refusal



Submit further information



Give more time for interventions



Meet with Local Authority to discuss



Mediation



Appeal to the SEND Tribunal



Speak with SENDIASS

Weeks

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

The local authority gathers advice from relevant professionals about your child's needs and provision that meet be required to achieve your child's desired outcomes

EHC Needs Assessment starts

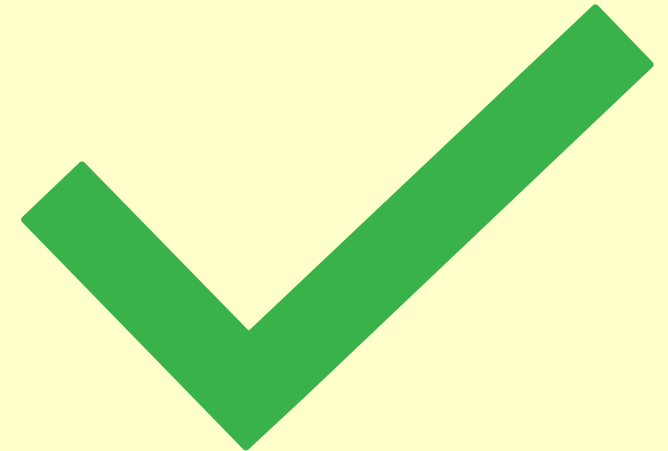
LA makes a decision on whether to issue an EHC Plan or not

**Weeks
6 to 16
timeline**

Agree to Assess

LA will seek information about:

- Your child's education, health and care needs
- The desired **outcomes** for your child
- The special educational, health and care provision that might be required to meet their needs and achieve the desired outcomes.



Information from who?

- You, your child, Young Person
- Educational Setting
- Educational Psychologist
- Medical professionals
- Social Care professionals
- Professionals requested by you, for example a GP

Also where relevant:

- Vision/Hearing Impairment professional
- Post 16 advice
- Youth Offending Team

When does the EHC NA end?



Week
16

Useful Contacts

Hertfordshire SENDIASS

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IPSEA

www.ipsea.org.uk

Tribunal helpline: 01799 582 030

First-tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability)

Telephone: 01325 289 350

send@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk

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Questions

