

The role of an Educational Psychologist in the EHC Needs Assessment Journey

Information for Parents and Carers

Why will an Educational Psychologist (EP) get involved?

As part of the EHC needs assessment (EHCNA) process, the Local Authority (LA) has a statutory duty to seek advice from an EP. An EP may have already been involved with your child before an EHCNA is requested.

What will the EP do in the ECHNA process?

The EP will speak with you, school staff and other relevant professionals to gather different perspectives about your child's difficulties and what works well for them. When the EP visits your child's school, they might:

- Observe your child in their learning environment
- Talk to your child about what they enjoy and find difficult
- Talk to your child about their hopes for the future
- Complete assessments where appropriate



What will happen after the EP visits school?

The EP will use all the information gathered to write Educational Psychology Advice, which contributes to the EHCNA. The EP advice will be shared with you and your child's school.



Any other questions?

For Shropshire's Local Offer, click [here](#).

For information from SENDIASS, including how to apply for an EHCNA, click [here](#).

For any other questions, please visit the EP Service website by clicking [here](#).