

# Education, Health and Care (EHC) Hub Parent and Carer Guide

Draft and Final EHC Plans

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# **About this document**

This document is for parents, carers and young people to provide instructions about the <u>Derbyshire</u> <u>County Council's EHC Hub</u>, covering:

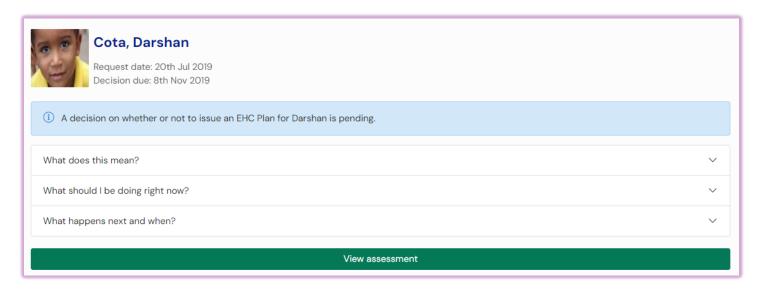
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- EHC plan review process
- Review meeting details and attendance
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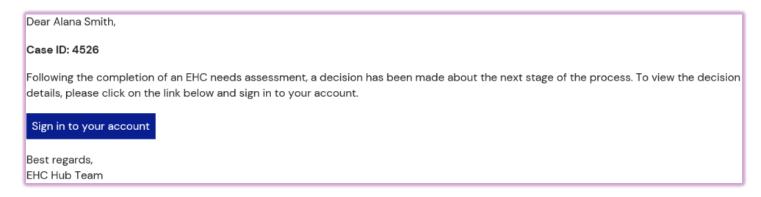
# **Decision to Issue Plan - Pending**

Once the local authority has indicated that the case is ready to progress to the decision, this change in status will be reflected on the case. The status will show as 'Decision to issue plan pending':



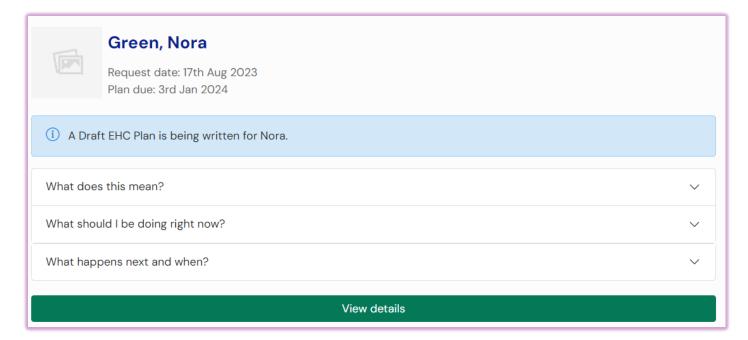
# <u> Issue a Plan - Decision</u>

When the decision has been made to issue a plan or not, you will receive an email telling you that there is new information on the Hub for you to view. The email will look something like this:

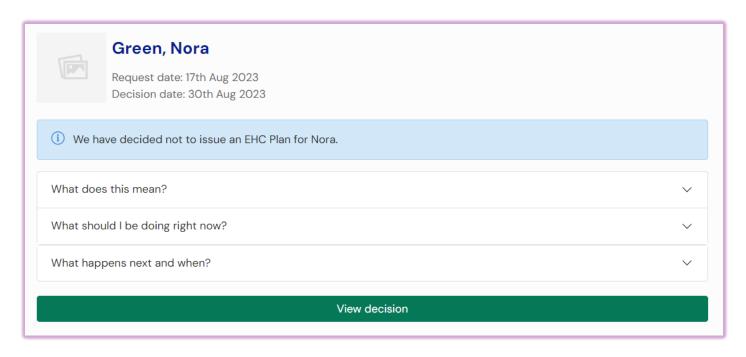


You will need to sign into the Hub to view the result of the decision.

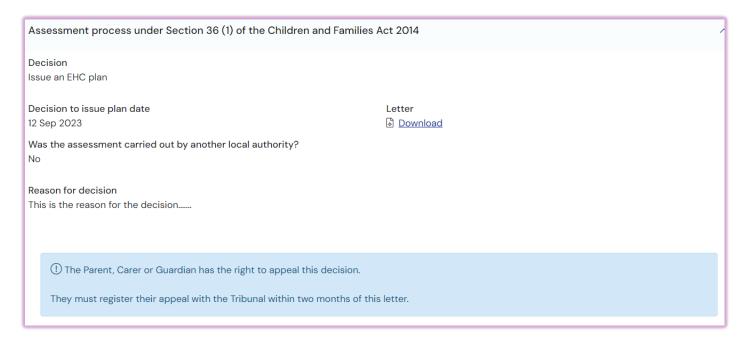
When you log in to the Hub, the status will show like this:



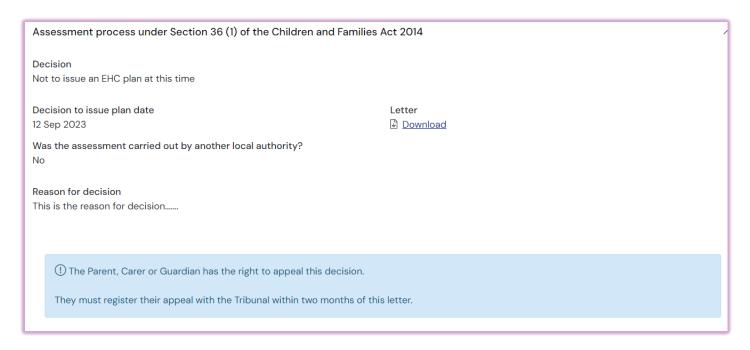
Or



When a decision has been made on whether to issue a plan or not, the following information will be displayed detailing the decision details:

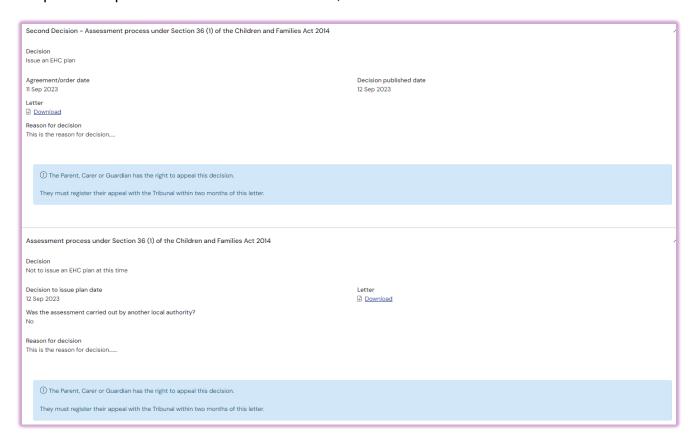


#### OR



This will include the reason for the decision and a letter that can be downloaded with more information about the decision. To view this letter, click 'Download'.

If the Local Authority originally say 'no' to issuing a plan, they can change their decision by recording a second decision. You will be notified by email, and the decision screen will show the second decision at the top and the previous decision at the bottom, it will look like this:

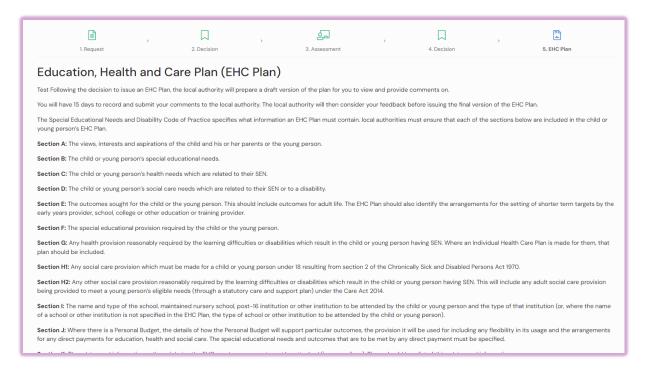


If the decision has been made to issue a plan, the status will show that the case have progressed to the EHC Plan stage:



To view details and download the letter about the decision, click 'Decision' at the top of the screen.

Click 'EHC Plan' at the top of the screen. The main screen will show some information about the next part of the process:



This details what information the plan must contain.

Underneath, it will show if the plan is in draft (not yet shared). If it is still being drafted, this will be displayed:



If you haven't already read the advice contributions that might go into the plan, click Assessment at the top of the screen to view the Assessment page:



At the bottom of this screen there is the Requests for Advice section:



## **Viewing the Draft EHC Plan**

**EHCP Section A** – Left click on this to display the previous information entered by the Parent/Carer and /or young person during the contribution to the assessment stage.

This has three parts:

- About
- Parent/Carer's Views
- Local authority background information

**EHCP Sections B, E and F** – Left click on this to display information about Special Educational needs, Outcomes and Provisions.

This has four parts:

- Cognition and Learning
- Communication and Interaction
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health
- Sensory and/or Physical needs

You can enter comments here about the planned outcome and the planned provision.

**EHCP Sections C, E and G** – Left click on this to display information about Health Needs, Outcomes and Provisions which relate to the special educational needs of the child or young person.

You can enter comments here about the planned outcome and the planned provision.

**EHCP Sections D,E,H1 and H2** – Left click on this to display information about Social Care Needs, Outcomes and Provisions which relate to the special educational needs of the child or young person.

You can enter comments here about the planned outcome and planned provision.

**EHCP Section I** – Left click on this to display information about the Education Setting. This information is not populated at this draft plan stage. The settings will be recorded in the Final EHC Plan. You can enter information in the comment box as part of the consultation to name your preferred education setting.

**EHCP Section J** – Left click on this to display any information about the personal budget. This has two parts:

- Personal Budget
- Annual Cost of Support

Contact the case co-ordinator if you would like to discuss personal budgets or are not sure whether this applies.

**EHCP Information and Advice** – Left click on this to display any information and advice provided by professionals during the assessment process.

This has 2 parts

- Monitoring and review
- Progress towards outcomes specified in this plan will be monitored by

It also has a section on Advice Contributions. To view any advice contributions that have been made, click 'View':



You will then be able to view the information. On this screen you can either close the screen or you can download a copy of the advice submission. When you are finished reading the information, click 'Close':

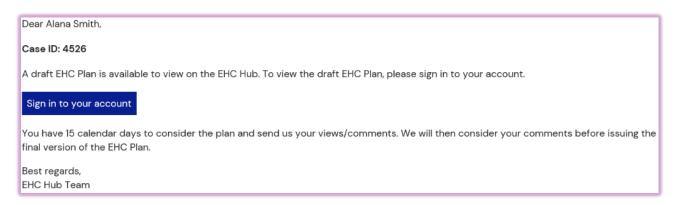


Left click on Plan at the top of the screen to return to the draft plan:

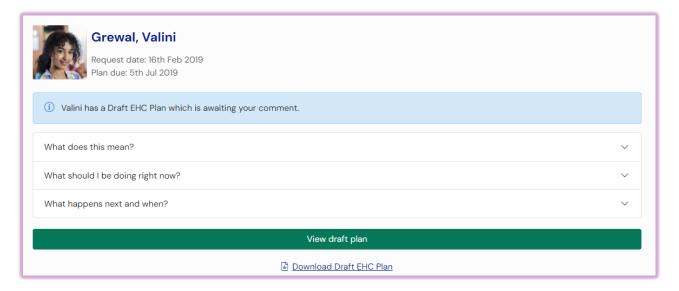


# Commenting on the Draft EHC Plan

When the draft plan is ready, it will be shared. When it has been shared, you will get an email to say that it is available to view:

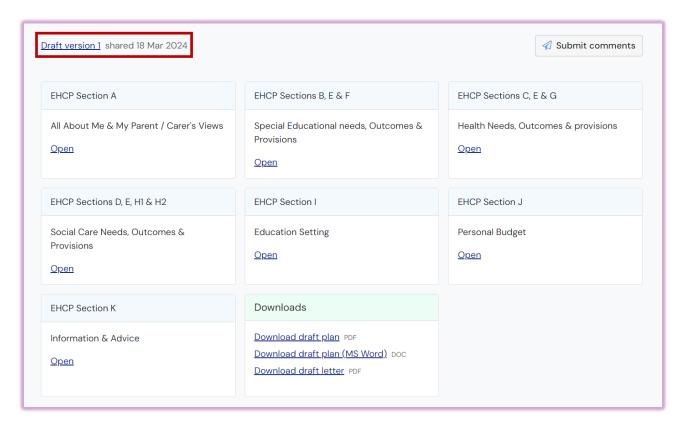


When you log into the EHC Hub, the case view will look like the follow and there is a blue information bar which tells you that the plan ready for you to comment on:



The draft plan will show the advice that has been submitted by any of the professionals who were asked for advice as well as the planned outcomes and provisions.

If the draft plan is ready to be viewed, the screen will look like this, showing when the Draft was shared:



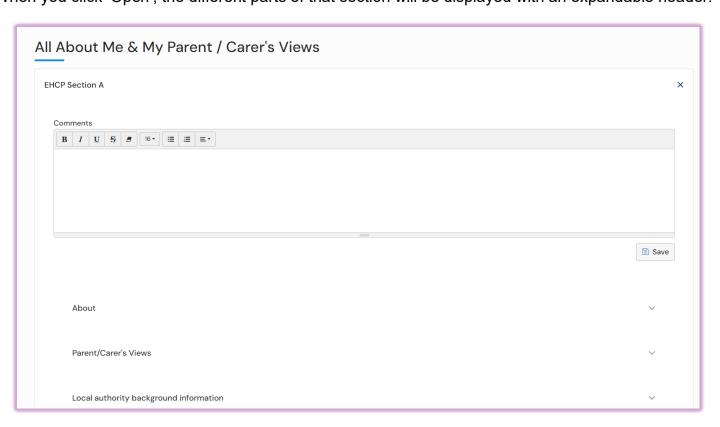
As the draft plan has been shared with you, you will be given the opportunity to comment on the draft plan, you will have 15 calendar days to complete these.

Each of the sections make up part of the Plan. To view more information on each section, click the 'Open' button on that section.

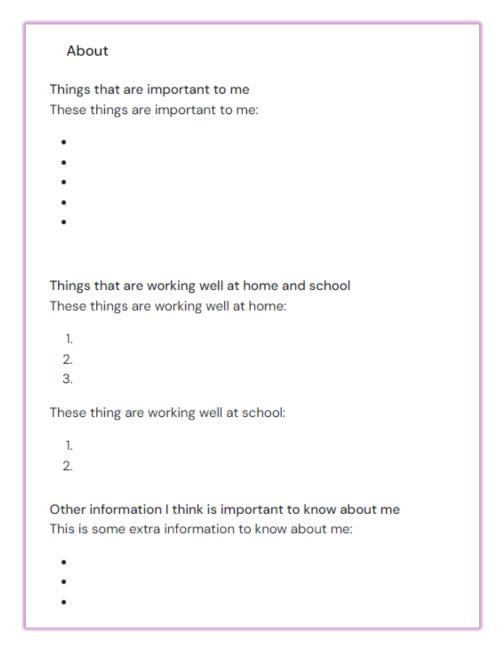
You will be able to comment on the whole section, any outcomes and any provisions in that section.

Each section may have multiple parts to it.

When you click 'Open', the different parts of that section will be displayed with an expandable header:



Left click on each of the part headings to view any information that has been entered. For example, if you expand 'About' it will look like this:

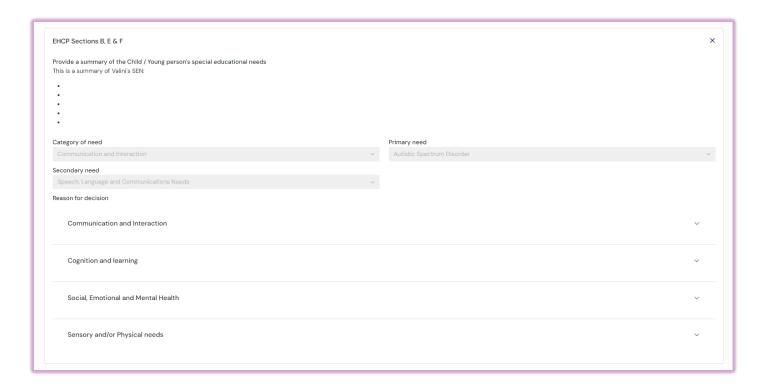


If a section is not applicable (for example, the child or young person does not have any Health Needs) it will look like this:



It is still possible to add a comment to this section if required.

It is important to scroll up and down the screen to make sure you can see all the information that has been added to the plan. If you are wanting to comment on the outcomes, provisions, etc you will need to scroll and expand the relevant sections. For example, if you click 'Open' for Sections B, E & F, it will look like this:



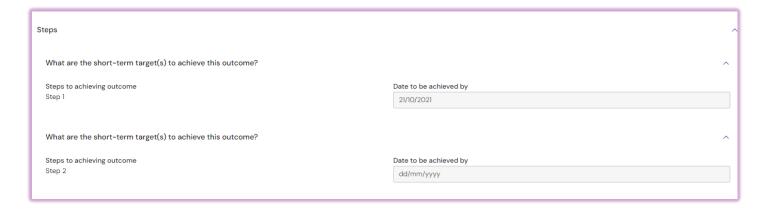
To view outcomes, provisions, etc you will need to expand each of the 4 sections. If you want to view 'Communication and Interaction' click the down arrow beside it and it will look similar to this:

#### Strengths, needs and outcomes:

If there are more than one outcome, you will need to scroll down to see if the other outcomes that have been added.

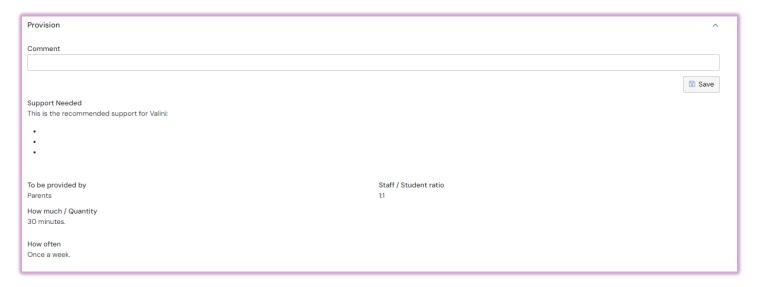


#### Steps to achieve the outcome:

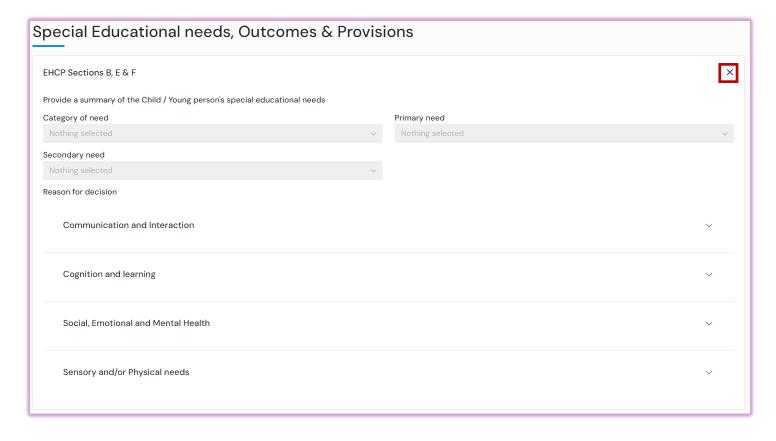


#### **Provisions:**

If there are more than one provision added to the outcome, these will be listed one after the other.



Click on the 'x' to return to the main screen:



#### Adding a comment to a Section

As the draft plan has been shared with you, you will be given the opportunity to comment on the draft plan, you will have 15 calendar days to complete these.

You will be able to comment on the whole section, any outcomes and any provisions in that section.

If you click 'Open' for any section, there will be a comments boxes which you can enter information into. Below are some example areas of where the comment boxes are. Some of the sections have multiple areas for comments, for example Section B, E & F will have additional comment boxes for Outcomes & Provisions:

#### Section A



#### Section B, E & F:

Once you expand the 4 sections, you will see the comment boxes.

#### Strengths & Needs:

This will appear as soon as you expand a section:



#### **Outcomes & Provisions:**

These comment boxes will appear further down the page:



#### **AND**



Each comment box has a save button which needs to be used when you have entered information.

When you have entered your comment in the relevant box, you will need to click 'Save' under each box for that information to be saved:

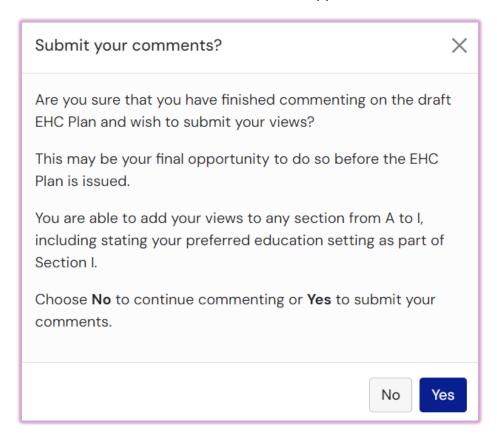


#### How to finish commenting on a draft plan

When you have added all your comments and you are ready to submit them, click 'Finish Commenting':



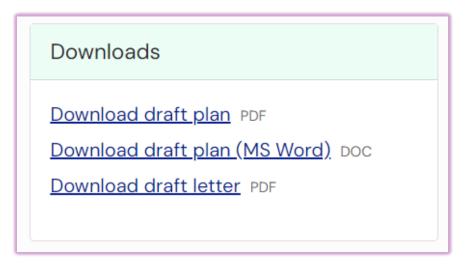
Any comments you add will not be visible to other people until you click 'Submit comments'. Once you have clicked 'Submit comments' a confirmation window will appear:



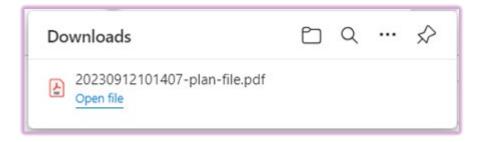
Once you click 'Yes', your comments will be added to the plan and other people with access to the case will be able to read them. Even if you have left no comments, the Case Coordinator will be notified that you have finished commenting.

# **How to Download the Draft EHC Plan**

If you wish to download the draft plan as a PDF file. Click 'Download Draft Plan':



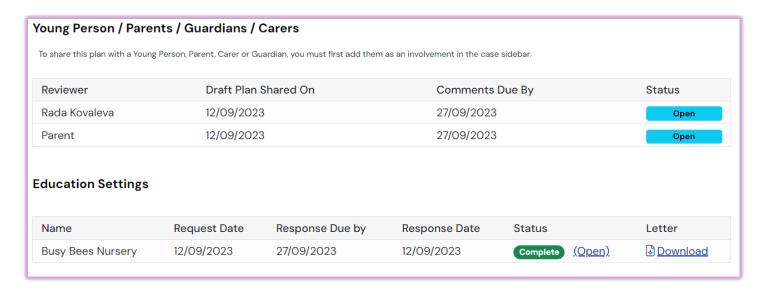
The downloaded plan file will appear on your screen:



Click 'Open file to view the contents of the PDF file. This can be saved to your own device, if required.

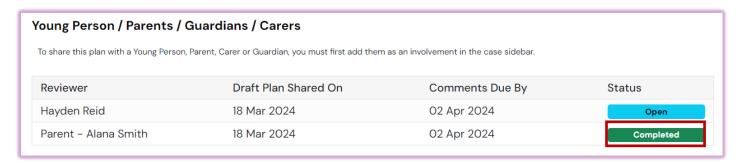
### **EHC Plan Consultations**

At the bottom of the plan, there will be list of the Parent/Guardians/Carers or young people that have been given the opportunity to leave comments on the draft plan and which Education Settings have been asked to consult:



#### Parent, Carer or young persons comments

It will list all Parent/Guardians/Carers or young people who have been given access to view the plan and leave comments, it will detail when the draft plan was shared with them and when they need to comment by. It will also show the status of their comments. If this says Open, then that person is still in the process of adding comments. When they have submitted their comments the status will update to Completed:



#### **Education setting consultation**

Under the educational settings, it will show all education settings that have been consulted, when their response is due by and the status of the consultation. Each setting listed will have a downloadable Education setting consultation request letter.



There are 3 status':

**Closed by coordinator** – this means that the Local Authority have chosen to not to consult with that Education setting.

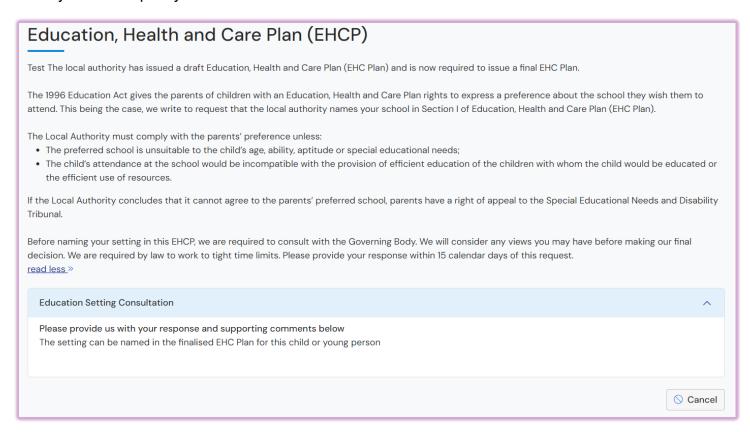
Awaiting response – this meant that the Education setting hasn't submitted their response yet.

**Complete** – this means that the Education setting has submitted their response.

Once a Education setting has submitted their response, you will see an 'Open' button beside it, this will allow you to see the response from the setting. There are 3 responses that the setting can chose from:

- The setting should not be named in the final EHC Plan because for the age, ability, aptitude or SEN of this child or young person
- 2. The setting should not be named in the final EHC Plan because the attendance of this child or young person there would be incompatible with the efficient education of others, or the efficient use of resources
- 3. The setting can be named in the finalised EHC Plan for this child or young person

When you click 'Open' you will see a screen like this:

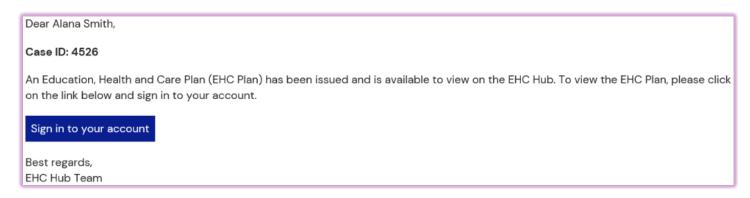


It will show you the response from the Education setting in the white box:

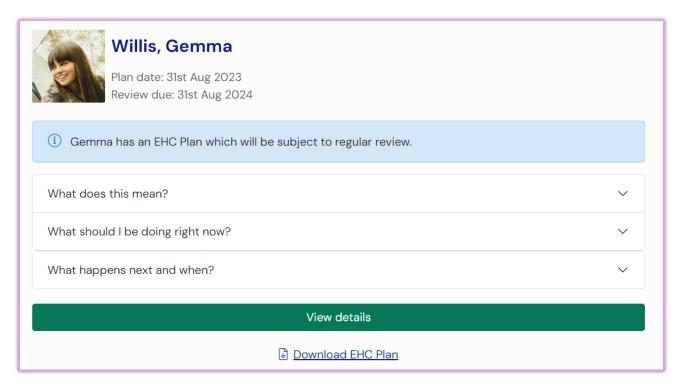


# **Finalised EHC Plan**

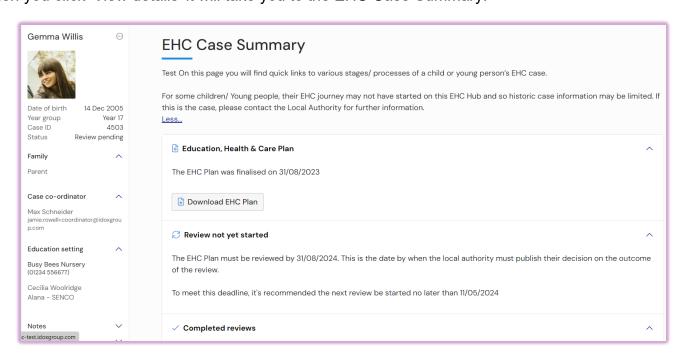
Once a plan has been finalised, you will receive an email notification:



The EHC plan must be reviewed annually. Information about when the next review is due by will be displayed when you log into the Hub and view the case:



When you click 'View details' it will take you to the EHC Case Summary:



#### **EHC Case Summary**

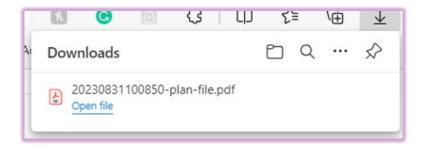
This includes sections of information for the history of activity on the EHC Hub.

#### **Education, Health and Care Plan**

Click on the Plus to open this section:



This will display when the current plan was finalised. You can also download a copy of the plan if required by clicking on the Download EHC Plan button. The download will appear in the bottom left-hand corner of the screen:



#### Review not yet started



This will tell you when the plan is due to be reviewed.

#### **Completed Reviews**

This section will only be displayed if previous reviews have been completed:



#### Amendments to plan outside of a formal review pathway

This section will only be displayed if any amendments have been made to the existing plan outside of the formal review pathway:

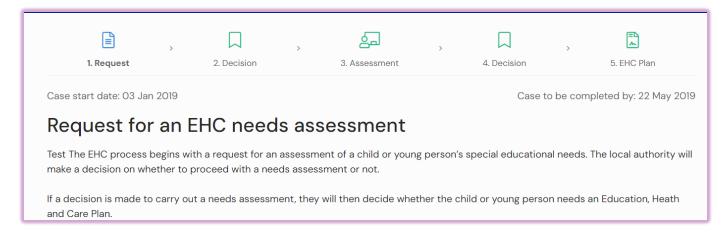


#### **EHC Assessment and Planning Pathway**



This will tell when the assessment and planning pathway was completed. To view the pathway, click on 'View pathway'.

This will take you to the pathway page where you can view the information entered previously on the pathway to the Plan:

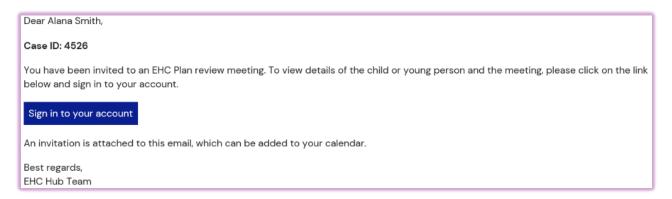


Click on any of the status buttons at the top of the screen to view the information.

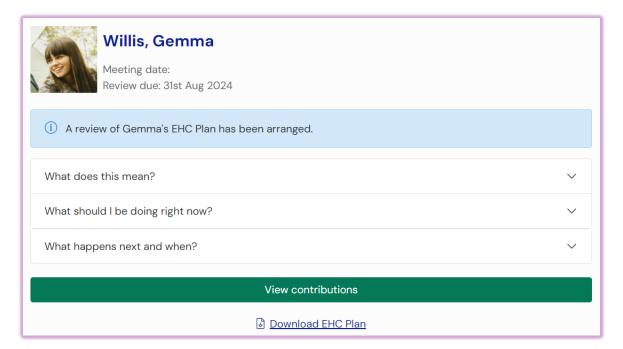
# **EHC Plan Review**

#### **EHC Plan Review Meeting**

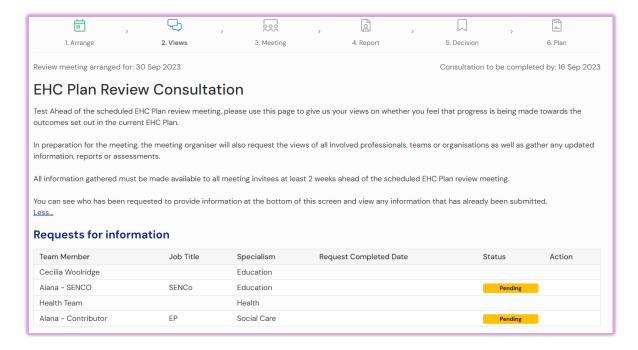
When the review meeting has been arranged, you will receive an email with the details of the date, time and venue for the meeting:



When you have your email, and sign into the HUB, the main screen will look like this:



When you click 'View contributions', this will take you to the 'Views' stage of the review process:



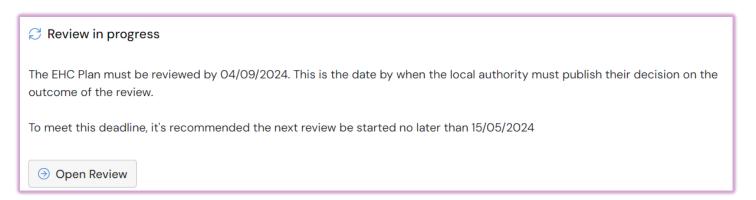
You will be able to see the meeting details by clicking the 'Arrange' icon at the top:



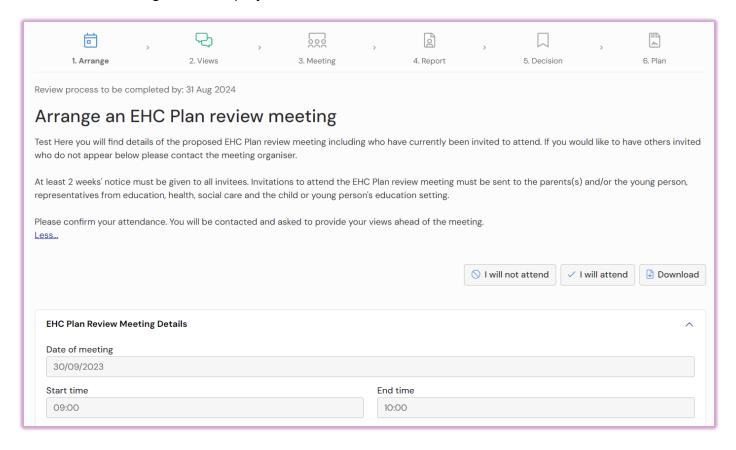
If you want to view the case summary page, you can do this by clicking 'View case summary' on the side bar on the left:



If you want to view the Review progress from the 'Case summary' page, click on 'Open review':



#### Details of the meeting will be displayed:



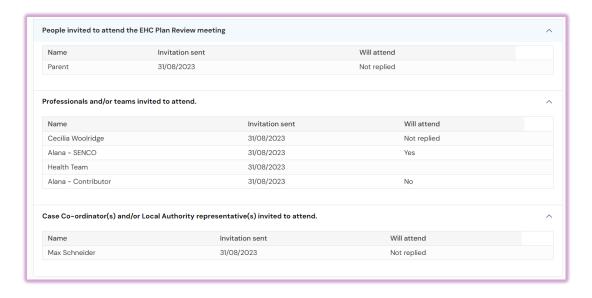
#### **EHC Plan Review Meeting Details**

This will show the date, time and location of the meeting:

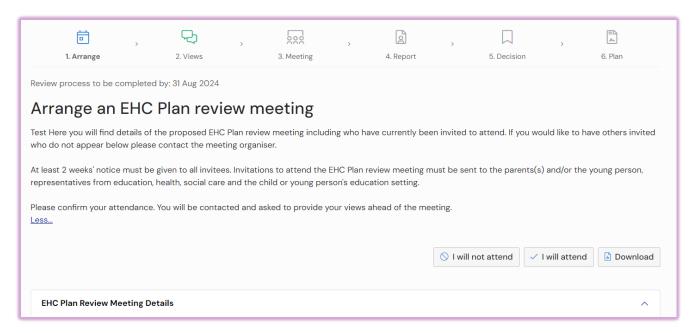


#### **People Invited to the Meeting**

This will show all the people who have been invited to the meeting and if they have confirmed if they will attend or not:



You will need to confirm if you will or will not be attending the meeting. You can do this via the 'Arrange' stage of the review pathway, at the top of the screen there will be two buttons, which you can click on to indicate if you will or will not attend the meeting:

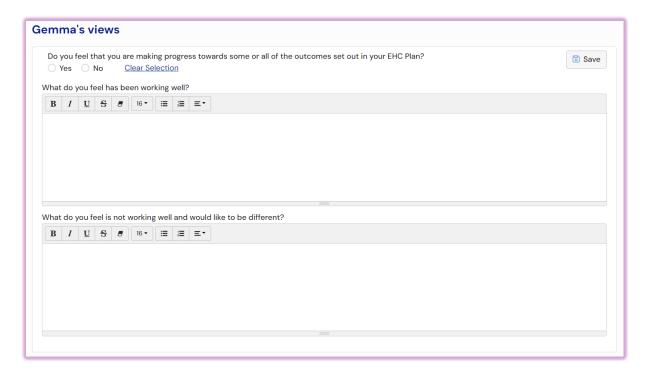


#### **Views on the Plans Progress and Outcomes**

As part of the review, there will be a consultation as assess whether progress is being made towards the outcomes set out in the Plan or not. Both you and the child or young person can put your views on this.

#### **The Childs or Young Persons Views**

The first section will be the views of the child or young person:

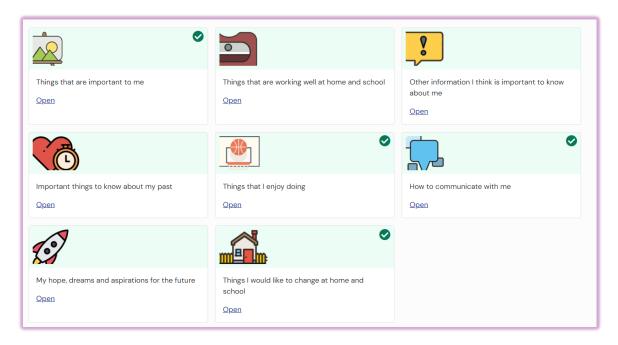


Click on the Yes or No button to indicate if you feel that progress is being made towards the outcomes in the EHC Plan.

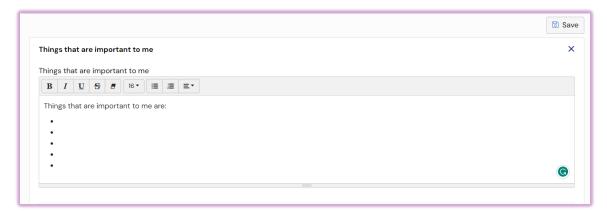
To enter more information about what is and isn't working well, left click anywhere in the boxes. Click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> for more information on using free text fields.

When you have entered your views, click 'Save'.

Any information previous entered (from the assessment and planning pathway or a formal review pathway) can be viewed in this area:



A green tick in the top right-hand corner of the section means that there is information to view. To view that information, click 'Open' and it will be displayed. You can add/edit each section:



#### Parent, Carer or Guardian's Views

The second section is for the Parent/Carer's views:

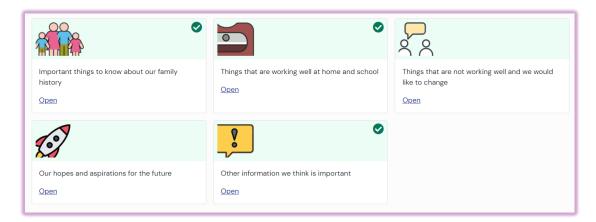


Click on the Yes or No button to indicate if you feel that progress is being made towards the outcomes in the EHC Plan.

To enter more information about what is and isn't working well, left click anywhere in the boxes and start typing any information you want to enter here. Click <u>here</u> for more information on using free text fields.

When you have entered your views, click 'Save'.

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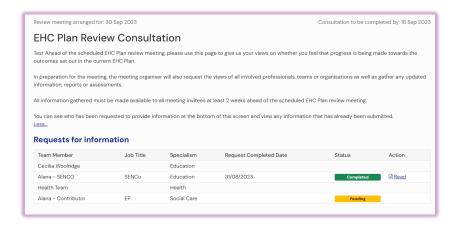


A green tick in the top right-hand corner of the section means information has previously been entered this section. To view that information, click 'Open' and it will be displayed. You can add/edit each section:

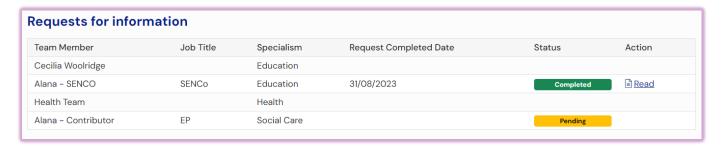


#### **Requests for Information**

At the bottom of the page, there is a section showing who else has been asked to provide their views on the progress towards outcomes of the EHC Care Plan:

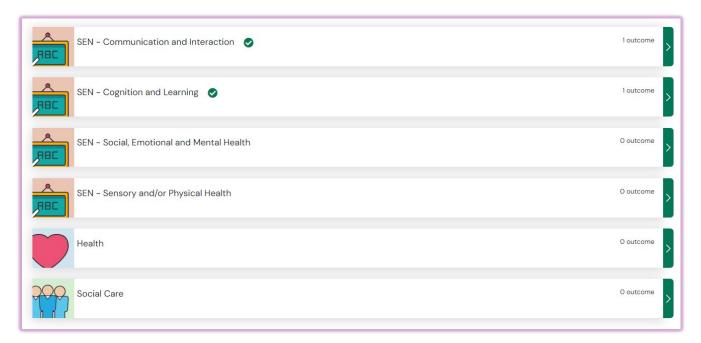


Once the response to the request for information has been received, the status will change from Pending to Completed:

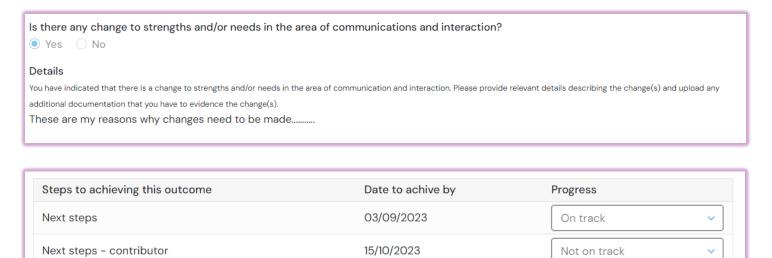


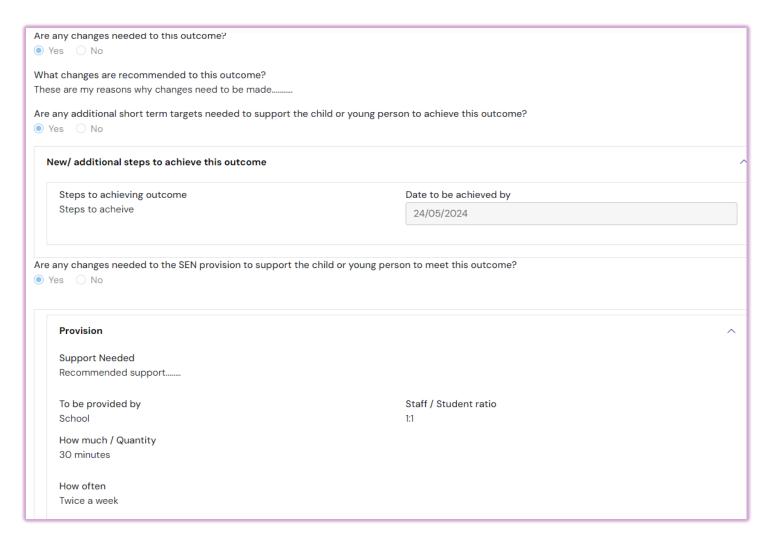
To view the response, click 'Read' and the Request for information screen will be displayed, with the information entered by the person it was requested from.

Where any advice area has been commented on, it will show a green tick and a green arrow on the right:



Click on the green arrow and scroll down to view the information entered. Comments will have been added if any changes are needed to the outcome or any additional short-term targets needed, as well as any changes needed to the Special educational needs provision. Below are some examples:

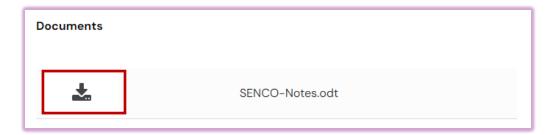




Click on the X to close the section and view another section:



There is also a section displaying any documents that have been uploaded, scroll to the bottom of the Request for information:



To view these documents, click on the white square and the document will show as a download in the bottom left-hand corner of the screen:

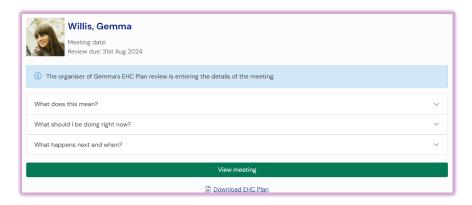


Click 'Open file' to view the information.

## **EHC Plan Review Meeting**

When the meeting has taken place, a record will be created of who was invited, who attendance and when the meeting took place. The details of the discussions held at the meeting and any recommendations made will be displayed in the next section, the Report on the review.

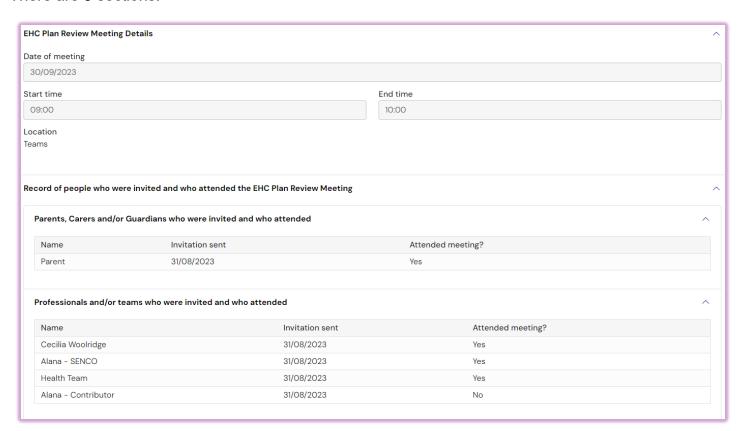
When the meeting record has been created, when you log into the Hub, the status will look like this:



When you click 'View meeting', it will show that the process has moved to the meeting stage:

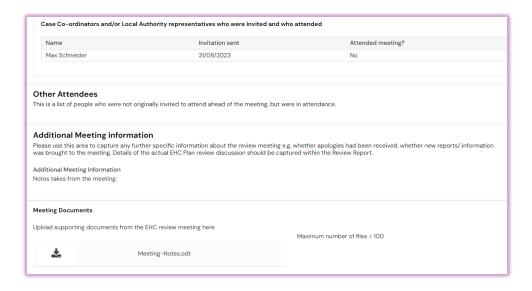


#### There are 5 sections:



**EHC Plan Review Meeting Details** - This will show the date, start time and end time and Location of the meeting.

**Record of people who were invited and attended -** This will show who was invited and if they attended.



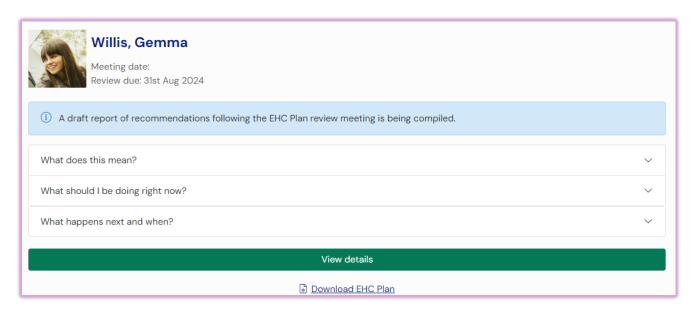
Other Attendees - This will show a list of people who were not originally invited to attend ahead of the meeting, but were in attendance

**Additional Meeting Information** - This will show any specific information about the meeting, like if apologies had been received or new information was brought to the meeting. The details of the actual plan review discussion will be shown in the review report in the next section.

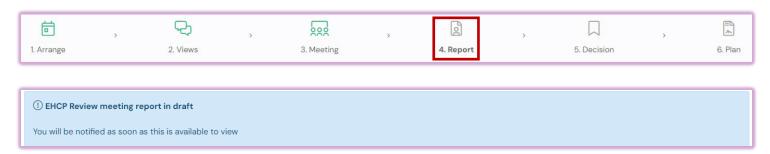
**Meeting Documents** - Any supporting documents from the EHC review meeting will be attached here and can be viewed.

## **EHC Plan Review Meeting: Draft Report**

When the report on the plan review meeting is being compiled, when you log into the Hub it will look like this:

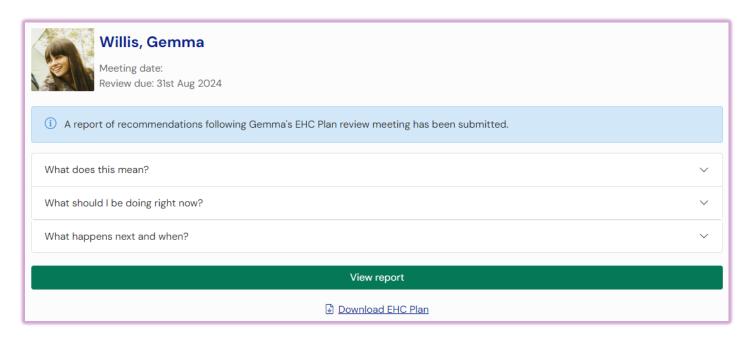


When you click 'View details', it will take you to the 'Report' stage of the review process and you will see a message saying that the Report is being drafted:



When the report is complete, it will be submitted to the local authority to consider the information provided and decide on whether the current EHC Plan should be amended, maintained or ceased.

You will receive an email notifying you when the Review report has been submitted, the case will look like this:



When you click 'View report', you will be taken to the Review decision stage of the process, and you will see a message advising that the Review decision is pending:

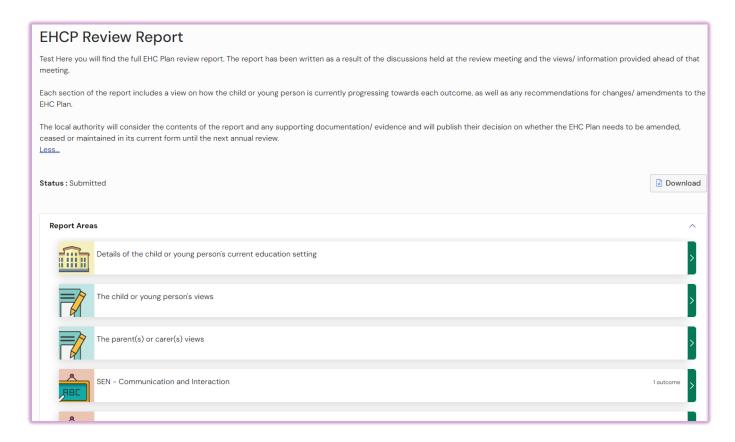
① Awaiting Local Authority Decision

As a result of the recent EHC Plan Review, the Local Authority are considering the information provided in the Review Report, and any supporting documentation/ evidence and will make a decision on whether the current EHC Plan needs to be amended, ceased or maintained until the next review.

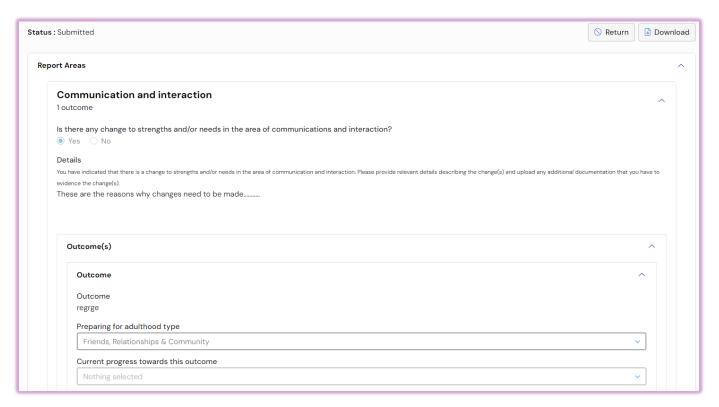
## **EHC Plan Review Meeting Report**

You can view the report when you click 'Report' at the top of the page. This will allow you to read the report and download a copy:

#### Viewing the EHC Plan Review Meeting Report



If you click the green arrow beside each section, you will be able to view the details entered:



Click 'Return' if you want to view another section:



The Review decision should be within four weeks of the meeting taking place. When the Review decision has been made, you will receive an email to notify you that a decision has been made and asking you to sign into the hub:



You can view the decision and the decision reason by clicking the 'Decision' icon at the top of the case:



## **Review Decisions**

Once the review has taken place, there are three potential decisions the local authority can make:

- **Keep the current EHC Plan as it is** The local authority decides to make no changes to the plan and must be reviewed again within 12 months.
- Amend the EHC Plan The local authority decides to amend the plan based on recommendations in the review.
- Cease to maintain the EHC Plan The local authority decides to cease to maintain the plan. The plan will cease based on recommendations in the review. Even though a plan has been ceased, the case will remain visible, and you will always have the ability to access all of the historical information on the EHC Hub.

## **Understanding the Case Timeline**

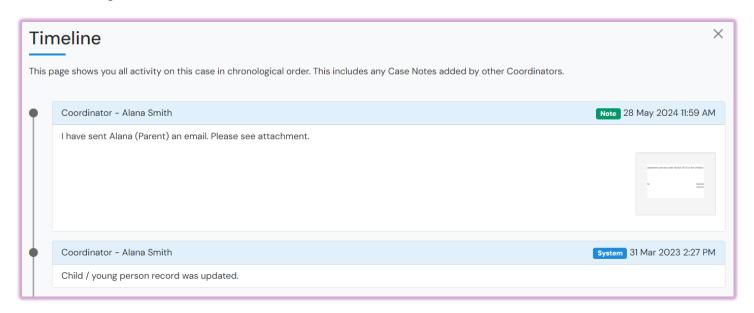
Each case has a record of activity logged against it; this is called the Timeline. The timeline can be located on the case side bar, under the Notes section:



The timeline will show a list of actions which have been carried out on the case. It will be in a chronological order and will show the name of the user who carried out the action and the date and time. It will look like this:



The system will automatically add the timeline entries of actions carried out on the case; you will see a 'System' tag beside it. The Case Co-ordinator can add notes to the timeline where needed and these will have a tag of 'Note' beside it:



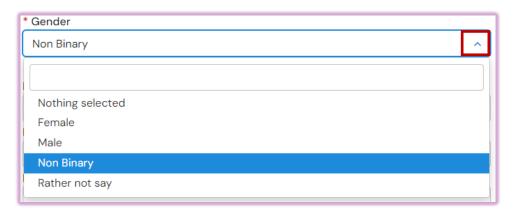
There may be documents visible in the timeline as well, you can download the attachment by clicking the image.

You will receive email notifications when something happens on the case, the email will not give you specific information but if you look at the case timeline it will let you know what actions have happened.

### **Help Using Forms**

#### **Pick List Fields**

Click on the down pointing arrow at the end of the field to view the available options for selection. There is a scroll bar on the right to allow you to scroll down to view more options in the list. Scroll down until you can see the option you require and then left click to select it. Alternatively, if you know the option you require, you can begin to type it in the field and the list will show options that match what you type:



#### **Free Text Field**

Left click anywhere in the box and start typing any information you want to enter here. If required, there are various formatting options for that can be accessed by clicking on the buttons at the top of the field. To see what each button does, hover over the button with the mouse pointer and a tool tip will be displayed to show what that button does

#### **Entering an Address**

Enter the postcode of your address in the postcode search field and click on Search:



Another field will be displayed:



Click on the down pointing arrow to view with all addresses that match that postcode:



Left click on the correct address to select it. The address will then be displayed on screen:



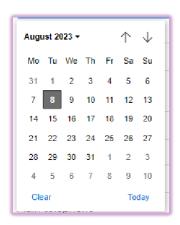
If the address is incorrect or needs to be removed, click on Clear address and a new location will be available to be selected.

If the correct address is not available to be selected from the list, click on the My address is not listed option, and the fields will be made available to be completed manually:



#### **Date Fields**

Type in the date required with a dash between the day, month and year. Alternatively, left click on the field and select the date from the calendar. Navigate around the calendar using the arrows in the top right and left corners until the correct date is available. Left click on the date to select it.





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