



Implementing the Children and Families Act: Preparing for September 2014

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Start with culture change

A focus on outcomes

Participation of children, parents and young people in decision-making

Joint working across agencies, services and institutions



From September 2014

All new assessments will be Education, Health and Care assessments and initial local offer should be published.

Transfer of statements and to EHC plans begins, but can take up to three years.

New Code of Practice comes into force.



The Local offer is to:

Build on existing legal requirements (e.g. short breaks statement)

Review what education institutions provide from their delegated budget

Provide information on local services.



Transfer to EHC plans

Transition period extends to April 2018

A local strategy co-produced with children parents and young people

Prioritising the transfer of children and young people at key transition points



Early conversations with children, young people and parents

Person centred and focus on outcomes - avoiding a 'change of name' approach

Full re-assessment may not necessary - existing evidence can be used if it is recent and relevant



School stages

Early discussions with parents and children on the transition

Review how parents and children are engaged in the SEN process

Use the SEND Code of Practice to plan

