

EHC plans

Current data released in January 2023 – next release June 2024.

Total number of pupils with an EHCP: **517,026**

Total number of pupils between 16 and 25 years old with an EHCP: **141,169**

Number of new EHCP for pupils between 16 and 25 years old in the past year: **3,241**

Total plans for 16-25 years old

Year	EHCP	Increase
2019	96347	14%
2020	108308	12%
2021	120247	11%
2022	132956	11%
2023	141169	6%

New plans by region

Region	Total				Age 16 to 19				Age 20 to 25			
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
North East	2,633	2,570	2,929	3,609	102	92	99	102	15	7	7	2
North West	7,769	8,036	9,049	10,621	373	359	432	431	28	19	19	12
Yorkshire and The Humber	4,671	5,375	5,568	6,078	247	394	309	325	22	22	13	16
East Midlands	3,706	5,026	4,252	4,738	159	230	220	219	11	12	16	13
West Midlands	5,096	6,120	5,795	6,804	259	372	335	306	43	18	29	11
East of England	5,485	6,293	6,985	6,612	211	245	264	264	34	26	8	12
London	9,000	9,963	9,604	10,074	403	455	410	450	44	41	29	27
South East	9,511	9,921	11,768	11,194	339	425	474	513	39	31	39	27
South West	6,028	6,793	6,230	6,976	369	473	434	506	203	45	19	14

White and green papers updates

DWP's Universal Support (full document [here](#))

- New support starting September 2023 aims to help 25,000 out of work long-term sick and disabled people who face barriers to employment
- £53 million for scheme designed to help people find and sustain jobs through personal adviser-based support
- Part of the first phase of the Universal Support employment programme, announced in the Spring Budget (summary [here](#))

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Alternative Provision (AP) Improvement Plan (full document [here](#))

- Published in March 2023, it sets out the Government plans to change the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and alternative provision system in England.
- It follows the March 2022 [SEND and alternative provision green paper](#), which included around 6,000 consultation responses and 175 events
- The [roadmap](#) provides a timeline for implementing the plan, indicating that the specified goals and milestones should be achieved by the end of 2025. The roadmap focuses on five key areas (relevant targets are included below):
 - **A national system underpinned by national standards**
 - **Successful transitions and preparation for adulthood**
 - Support the Department for Work and Pensions' Adjustment Passport pilot
 - Start to build capacity and strengthen the quality of the supported internship programme. This includes training job coaches and making sure all local authorities have access to a supported employment forum.
 - A skilled workforce and excellent leadership
 - **Strengthened accountabilities and clear routes of redress**
 - Set up an expert group to support the development of a bespoke national alternative provision performance framework.
 - **A financially sustainable system delivering improved outcomes**
 - Increase core school funding by £3.5 billion in 2023 to 2024. Almost £1 billion of that increase will go towards high needs.

Shaping future support: the health and disability green paper (full document [here](#))

- Published in 2021, last updated in March 2023, it builds on previous consultations aimed at fulfilling the Government's 2019 manifesto
- The Green Paper, the National Disability Strategy and the Health is Everyone's Business consultation response are to be integrated in a plan to support disabled people and people with health conditions to live independent lives and start, stay and succeed in employment.
- It is divided into the following key areas:
 - Providing the Right Support
 - Improving Employment Support
 - Improving our Current Services
 - Re-thinking Future Assessments to Support Better Outcomes
 - Exploring Ways to Improve the Design of the Benefits System
- Criticism of the paper includes its [research design](#), lack of [ambition](#), no clear improvement in the [assessment](#) procedure, and potential of reducing spending on [disability benefits](#).