

Parent Carers Together Position Statement on BCP EHCP Process

PARENT CARERS TOGETHER



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There are over 3100 children and young people with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP) in BCP, and in recent years the number has been growing by 10-15% per year.

In the majority of cases, BCP Council fails to complete EHC Needs Assessments within the statutory timeframe of 20 weeks. BCP Council also fails to process the majority of Annual Reviews within the statutory timeframe of 12 weeks after the review meeting.

Parent Carers Together Position Statement

- PCT believes that, as a minimum, BCP Council should comply with statutory timeframes for all EHCP requests and Annual Reviews.
- PCT believes that the EHCP process should be supportive and cooperative, prioritising the needs of the child/young person rather than any budget / resource constraints
- PCT believes that in every EHCP, all the needs (in Section B) should be matched with provision (in section F), and that every provision should be specific and quantified.

Parent Carers Together Objectives

- PCT works in coproduction to influence BCP Council and NHS Dorset to improve the quality of all SEND services
- In the EHCP process, PCT is pushing for better communication, increased transparency, and respect for children and their parents.
- PCT regularly reminds BCP Council that it needs to comply with the law in the EHCP process.
- PCT would like to see every SEND child / young person properly supported with provision that meets their unique needs.

PCT always welcomes new parent representatives.

If you would like to help PCT speak up for the parents' and families' voice in any of these areas, please contact

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