



Easy Read: A Guide for Children and Young People

# **SEN Inclusion Service (SENIS) Medical Needs**

Supporting children and young people with medical needs



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In this Easy Read document, difficult words are in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean in the sentence after they have been used.



Some words are blue and underlined. These are links that will go to a website or page which has more information.



# Introduction

This document is about the Education Authority’s Medical Needs Service.

The Special Educational Needs Inclusion Service (SENIS) Medical Needs Service provides advice and/or support to educational settings and parents of children and young people living with medical conditions.



# What does SENIS Medical Needs do?



The Medical Needs Service gives support to children and young people:

- At pre-school or nursery school.
- At primary school.
- At post primary school.



We support you by:

- Considering each child's individual needs.
- Speaking to school staff and parents on helpful strategies.
- Working with healthcare professionals.

We can give  
parents, carers  
and school staff:



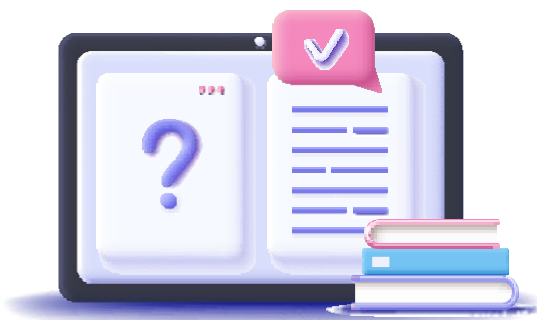
- Information.



- Advice.



- Training.



- Guidance.

# How to get support



The service can be contacted by telephone or email. Our contact details are on **Page 14**.

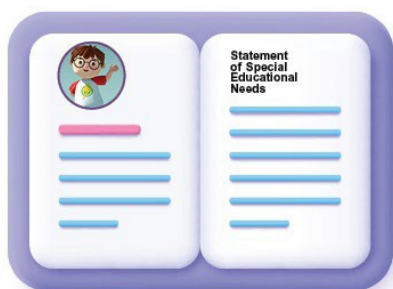


Healthcare professionals have been trained to understand children and young people's medical conditions. They can provide an individual healthcare plan.

A healthcare plan is extremely important to allow us to provide the best support possible.



We can help children and young people with or without a **Statement of Special Educational Needs**.



A **Statement of Special Educational Needs** is a document that describes a child's needs and the special help they should receive.

# Pre-school



Usually, a parent or pre-school staff will tell us about pre-school children who need support.

Sometimes a health or social care worker will tell us about pre-school children who need support.



If your child is being assessed for other needs, the educational psychologist might tell the service.



When the educational psychologist or another service tells us about a child, we will try and get in touch with parents within 10 days.



# School Aged Children



Usually, a parent or school staff will tell us about school aged children who need support.

Sometimes a health or social care worker will tell us about school aged children who need support.

Often advice and support can be provided without Statutory Assessment or a Statement.



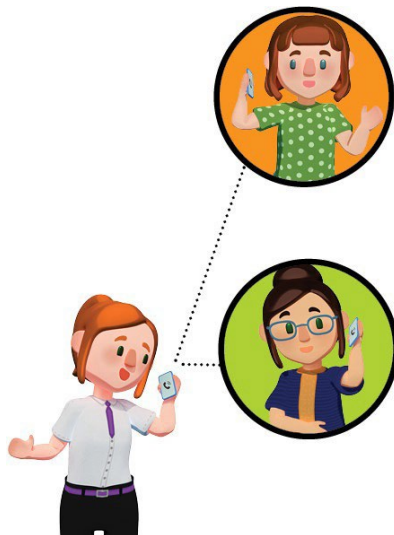
If the condition is long-term and impacts on learning/ability to access the curriculum effectively, the school and/or your parents may wish to make a request for consideration of Statutory Assessment.

# What happens next?



When we hear about a child or young person, we will assign a member of our team to help.

They will:



- Talk to your parents.
- Talk to school staff who know you.
- Talk to healthcare professionals involved with you.

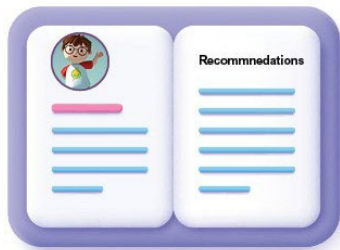


- Talk to you. Your feelings and ideas matter too!



Once we have all the information, we will provide your school with **recommendations** on how to support you. Recommendations are ideas on how to help you.

This may be in the form of:



- Information and advice about how school staff can help you in school.



- Guides, videos and training.



- Resources to help the school and you.

# How much support will you get?



To make sure we give the right support, we will listen to opinions of:



- You



- School staff and healthcare staff



- Parents or carers



The support we give you will be tailored to your needs.

# What if a child has a diagnosis of Type 1 Diabetes?



For children with Type 1 Diabetes, a Paediatric Diabetes Specialist Nurse (PDSN) will notify the SEN Inclusion Service Medical Needs Team.



If your child can manage their medical condition independently, you may contact us for general advice and support by telephoning the Service. The telephone number is on **page 14**.

# For more information

You can look at our website:



[SENIS Medical Needs](#)

If you or your parents need more information, please contact us by:



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- 028 71272340

**OR**



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