



Educational Psychology (EP) Advice

This guidance is intended to support EPs providing private psychological advice as part of the Education Health and Care Needs Assessment (EHCNA).

The points below will support the Council to determine whether the advice submitted meets the expected professional standards and provides the full information required to be used as the sole advice for the EHCNA.

1.	The advice is provided by an EP who has active HCPC registration.
2.	Consent has been given by the parent or also by the young person if over aged 16.
3.	The EP has consulted with the (current) school SENCO and key school staff as part of their assessment process.
4.	The EP has the appropriate qualification for the area of their assessment.
5.	The assessment report recommendations are within the remit of the professional who has carried out the assessment.
6.	The assessment report demonstrates that the EP has fully consulted with the EPs already involved with the child or young person.
7.	The assessment tools used are relevant to the presenting needs and interpretation of the assessment are in line with the recommendations.
8.	Where the assessment is to be used in an Education, Health and Care Needs assessment it will need to meet the requirements of the SEND Regulations 2014 reg.6(1) It should be reflective of best practice and provide a holistic, strengths-based picture of the CYP and their performance within their educational context in line with Joint Professional Liaison Group Guidance files (aep.org.uk) .
9.	The assessment will have recommended provision that is proportionate to the identified needs of the child or young person.
10.	The assessment recommended provision is in line within evidence based good practice interventions.
11.	The report is current and written within the last 6 months.