

What's the plan? Your education and support

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We hope you like this guide. We'd like to say thank you to the young people and adults who gave us their ideas and suggestions when we were writing it.

All the advice "in quotes" comes from young people.



Intro

This Enquire guide tells you how you can have your say in decisions about what you learn at school and the support you need.

Remember:

- you know yourself better than anyone else does
- you have the right to be involved in decisions that affect you
- by getting involved, it will help things work better for you.





How can I get involved?

You can help plan your learning. You should get the chance to talk to a teacher about what you are learning now and what you will learn next. You will have a personal learning plan to help plan your time at school.

If you get extra support at school, you may have a learning support plan too.
You should be involved in deciding what goes in this plan.



"It's my choice!"



Learning support plans are called different things, like:

1EP — Individualised Educational Programme

ASP - Additional Support Plan

ISP - Individual Support Plan

You may also have a plan called a CSP. CSP is short for co-ordinated support plan.

If this is getting confusing, don't worry! The next few pages explain what you need to know.





What's a learning support plan?

You may have a learning support plan if you get extra support at school.

Your learning support plan will set out the targets you're aiming for each term. It may also have the targets you're aiming for over the whole school year.

The plan will say what support you will get to reach these targets.

"If you have a problem, speak to someone about it."





"Don't be shy to ask for help."

You should be involved in deciding what goes in your plan.

You should also get to talk to your teachers every term about whether the plan is working out well for you.





What's a CSP?

A CSP is a co-ordinated support plan. It's there to make sure all the people who support you know what's going on and work well together.

You may have a CSP if:

- you get support from people outside school (like a social worker, a speech and language therapist or a youth worker)
- you are in care (also called 'being looked after')
- you need support for longer than a year.

Your views have to be written down in the CSP so people know what you think.











At least once a year, the school will look at your CSP with you and your parents or carers to see how well it's working. This meeting is called a CSP review.

If you don't think you're getting the right support, your parents or carers (or you if you're 16 or older) can ask for a meeting sooner.

If you're not getting the support that your CSP says you should get, you or your parents/carers can appeal to a tribunal. You can find out more about tribunals from Enquire and at www.asntscotland.gov.uk.

"Problems can be solved."





Have your say

Whatever type of learning support plan you have, adults must listen to what you think is right for you.

One way to have your say is by going to meetings about your plan with your teachers, parents/carers and other people who support you.

You may feel nervous about going to meetings. Remember that you can take someone with you if you want to.

For more advice look at our guide Going to meetings. Download it from www.enquire.org.uk/yp or contact us for your free copy.



PS You can get lots more advice from Enquire on our website or by calling us.

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