

STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS AND STATEMENTS

If your child receives Early Years Action Plus help for a reasonable time without success, and the pre-school thinks they are showing significant cause for concern, the pre-school should consider asking the local education authority (LEA) for a statutory assessment. If the assessment, which will take several months, shows that your child needs more or different help than is available through Early Years Action Plus, the LEA will produce a Statement of Special Educational Needs. The Statement will give details of the help your child must be given and where they will go to pre-school. Help at home is sometimes provided and this will go on the Statement too. Many children with Statements are at mainstream - not special - pre-schools and primary schools.

If you are not happy with your child's progress you also have a right to ask the LEA for a statutory assessment. You can do this even if the school does not agree with you and thinks that your child does not need a statutory assessment.

LEAs should consider informally reviewing a Statement for a child under-5 at least every six months.

