

## WHY ARE MY VIEWS IMPORTANT?



### **I have been asked to complete a form called "Young Person's views - All about Me". Why?**

- You may have been asked to give your views for the following reasons:
  - ◆ A request for an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment is being made
  - ◆ If you already have an Education, Health and Care Plan, there is an Annual Review meeting coming up.

### **Ok, but what is an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment?**

- An Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment (also known as an EHC Needs Assessment) is a formal investigation to gather evidence about your education, health and care needs. Professionals already known to you will be asked to provide an up-to-date report which may mean you will be further assessed.
- Ideally you will have been asked to complete "Young Person's views - All about Me" form as part of the request for an EHC Needs Assessment as your views are important.
- If the outcome of the EHC Needs Assessment is to issue an Education, Health and Care Plan, your views will be incorporated into the plan.

### **I already have an Education, Health and Care Plan, what is an Annual Review?**

- An Education Health and Care Plan (also known as an EHC Plan) is a document which describes the support which you should get in school, college or training.
- It will also say what you are good at and what you find difficult.
- An annual review is the process that looks at the EHC Plan and takes place at least every year. Your school, college or training provider will arrange an annual review meeting (this is likely to be a virtual meeting via video or telephone) and you will be invited to attend. You may feel unable to attend or only attend for part of the meeting and that is ok.

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- The meeting will look at whether your special educational needs, outcomes, and the provision (support) you receive are still correct and if there are any changes.
- You will be asked to provide your views, you can complete the "**Young Person's views - All about Me**" form which can be shared at the meeting. You can also give your views by talking at the meeting if you feel able to, and your views will be written down by the person leading the meeting.

### Your views are important

- It is important that you are involved in the process from the EHC Needs Assessment and if an EHC Plan is written, at the Annual Review stage each year. The EHC Plan is your plan and should be supporting you to make steps towards your goals/ targets / life aspirations. Without your views, the plan cannot help you reach your goals.

### Useful contacts:

- Council for Disabled Children: [www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk](http://www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk)
- Portsmouth SEND Information, Advice and Support - free, independent and impartial support for parents, carers and young people: [www.portsmouthsendiass.info](http://www.portsmouthsendiass.info)
- Portsmouth Local Offer: [www.portsmouthlocaloffer.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthlocaloffer.org.uk)
- Department for Education: [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education)
- Portsmouth City Council - Inclusion Service, SEN Team: 02392 841238
- Preparing for Adulthood: [www.preparingforadulthood.org.uk](http://www.preparingforadulthood.org.uk)
- Dynamite is the voice for the young people of Portsmouth aged 14-25 who have a disability (ie: Special Educational Need, Learning Disability or Physical Disability), to increase awareness and influence issues which concern their lives. [http://www.portsmouthsendiass.info/en/YP:Get\\_involved](http://www.portsmouthsendiass.info/en/YP:Get_involved)

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