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Description

This document describes the data included in the Education, health and care (EHC) plans National Statistics release's underlying data files. This data is released under the terms of the [Open Government License](#) and is intended to meet at least 3 stars for [Open Data](#).

The methodology document should be referenced alongside this data. It provides information on the data sources, their coverage and quality as well as explaining methodology used in producing the data.

Coverage

This release provides information on the EHC plan process including:

- number of active EHC plans at January of the calendar year
- number of new EHC plans in the previous calendar year
- the administration of requests for assessments for an EHC plan

The information is based on local authority level data collected via the SEN2 data collection.

The underlying data files include national, regional and local authority level data

File format and conventions

Rounding

This dataset has not had suppression applied.

Conventions

The following convention is used throughout the underlying data.

'n/a' - Not applicable

Data files

This statistical release includes the following underlying data files in csv format:

File name	Content	Geographical levels	Years
SEN2 Age Caseload	Number of children and young people with an EHC plan, broken down by age band	National Regional Local authority	2010 to 2020
SEN2 Estab Caseload	Number of children and young people with an EHC plan, broken down by establishment type	National Regional Local authority	2017 to 2020
SEN2 Age New plans	Number of children and young people with a new EHC plan in the calendar year, broken down by age band	National Regional Local authority	2009 to 2019 calendar years
SEN2 Estab New plans	Number of children and young people with a new EHC plan in the calendar year, broken down by establishment type	National Regional Local authority	2016 to 2019 calendar years
SEN2 MI	Data on the administration of statements and EHC plans, including; Requests for assessment decisions to assess decisions to issue 20 week timeliness Personal budgets Mediation Transfers between school types	National Regional Local authority	2014 to 2020
SEN2 WBP and Residential	Number of children and young people with an EHC plan who are; on work based placements in residential settings	National Regional Local authority	2017 to 2020

Annex A: Variable listing and descriptions

Variable names and descriptions included across the underlying data files are provided below.

Variable name	Variable description
time_identifier	The type of time period covered
time_period	The year/s covered
geographic_level	The geographic level of the data
country_code	9 digit country code
country_name	Country name
region_code	Region code (Government Office Region) - 9 digit code
region_name	Region name (Government Office Region)
old_la_code	Local authority code (old)
new_la_code	Local authority code (new) - 9 digit code
la_name	Local authority name
characteristic_group	High level pupil characteristics
characteristic_age	Age group
establishment_type	Establishment type - subset of establishment_group
establishment_group	Establishment group
Total_new_st	Number of new statements
Total_new_ehc	Number of new EHC plans
Total_new_all	Number of new statements and EHC plans combined
Total_st	Number of statements
Total_ehc	Number of EHC plans
Total_all	Number of statements and EHC plans combined
MApprenEHC	Work based placements - Number of young people enrolled on an apprenticeship
MTrainEHC	Work based placements - Number of young people enrolled on a traineeship
MSupplntEHC	Work based placements - Number of young people enrolled on a supported internship
Mres38week05EHC	Residential Settings - Number of children and young people in residential settings, 38 to 51 weeks, age under 5
Mres38week510EHC	Residential Settings - Number of children and young people in residential settings, 38 to 51 weeks, age 5 to 10
Mres38week1115EHC	Residential Settings - Number of children and young people in residential settings, 38 to 51 weeks, age 11 to 15
Mres38week1619EHC	Residential Settings - Number of children and young people in residential settings, 38 to 51 weeks, age 16 to 19
Mres38week2025EHC	Residential Settings - Number of children and young people in residential settings, 38 to 51 weeks, age 20 to 25
TotMres38weekEHC	Residential Settings - Number of children and young people in residential settings, 38 to 51 weeks, Total
Mres52week05EHC	Residential Settings - Number of children and young people in residential settings, 52 weeks, age under 5
Mres52week510EHC	Residential Settings - Number of children and young people in residential settings, 52 weeks, age 5 to 10
Mres52week1115EHC	Residential Settings - Number of children and young people in residential settings, 52 weeks, age 11 to 15
Mres52week1619EHC	Residential Settings - Number of children and young people in residential settings, 52 weeks, age 16 to 19

Mres52week2025EHC	Residential Settings - Number of children and young people in residential settings, 52 weeks, age 20 to 25
TotMres52weekEHC	Residential Settings - Number of children and young people in residential settings, 52 weeks, Total
AssnoneEHC	EHC - Administration - Number of children and young people assessed for whom it was decided not to issue an EHC plan
AssnodecisionEHC	EHC - Administration - Number of children and young people assessed who are still being assessed or where assessment has been completed but no decision taken for an EHC plan.
AssRefusedEHC	EHC - Administration - Number of initial requests for assessment for an EHC plan that were refused.
Assnone	Statement - Administration - Number of children and young people assessed for whom it was decided not to issue a statement of SEN
Assnodecision	Statement - Administration - Number of children and young people assessed who are still being assessed or where assessment has been completed but no decision taken for a statement of SEN
AssRefused	Statement - Administration - Number of initial requests for assessment for a statement of SEN that were refused.
Mtosi	Statement - flows - Number of children and young people with a statement of SEN who transferred from mainstream to special settings
Sitom	Statement - flows - Number of children and young people with a statement of SEN who transferred from special to mainstream settings
MtoPar	Statement - flows - Number of children and young people with a statement of SEN who were taken out of school by their parents to be home educated from mainstream settings
SitoPar	Statement - flows - Number of children and young people with a statement of SEN who were taken out of school by their parents to be home educated from special settings
Dislea	Statement - flows - Number of children and young people with a statement of SEN discontinued as transferred to another LA
Dismet	Statement - flows - Number of children and young people with a statement of SEN discontinued as special needs being met without an EHC plan
Disoth	Statement - flows - Number of children and young people with a statement of SEN discontinued for other reasons
Disleft	Statement - flows - Number of children and young people with a statement of SEN discontinued because pupils have left school at the end of compulsory schooling or after
MtosiEHC	EHC - flows - Number of children and young people with an EHC plan who transferred from mainstream to special settings
SitomEHC	EHC - flows - Number of children and young people with an EHC plan who transferred from special to mainstream settings
MtoParEHC	EHC - flows - Number of children and young people with an EHC plan who were taken out of school by their parents to be home educated from mainstream settings
SitoParEHC	EHC - flows - Number of children and young people with an EHC plan who were taken out of school by their parents to be home educated from special settings
DisleaEHC	EHC - flows - Number of children and young people with an EHC plan discontinued as transferred to another LA

DismetEHC	EHC - flows - Number of children and young people with an EHC plan discontinued as special needs being met without an EHC plan
DisothEHC	EHC - flows - Number of children and young people with an EHC plan discontinued for other reasons
DisleftEHC	EHC - flows - Number of children and young people with an EHC plan discontinued because pupils have left school at the end of compulsory schooling or after
InreqEHC	EHC - Administration - Number of initial requests for an EHC plan
InreqryaEHC	EHC - Administration - Number of initial requests for an EHC plan when detained in youth accomodation
TotIncExcEHC	EHC - Timeliness - Number of EHC plans including exceptions
IncExc20weekEHC	EHC - Timeliness - Number of EHC plans including exceptions issued within 20 weeks
TotNoExcEHC	EHC - Timeliness - Number of EHC plans excluding exceptions
NoExc20weekEHC	EHC - Timeliness - Number of EHC plans excluding exceptions issued within 20 weeks
TotIncExc	Statement - Timeliness - Number of new statements including exceptions
IncExc26week	Statement - Timeliness - Number of new statements including exceptions issued within 26 weeks
TotNoExc	Statement - Timeliness - Number of new statements excluding exceptions
NoExc26week	Statement - Timeliness - Number of new statements excluding exceptions issued within 26 weeks
StatementstoEHC	Statement - Transfers - Number of children and young people with statements who were issued with an EHC plan
StatementstoNoEHC	Statement - Transfers - Number of children and young people with statements who were assessed for an EHC plan and a decision not to issue an EHC plan made
PersonalBudgets	EHC - Number of personal budgets in place for all EHC plans
OrgArrangements	EHC - Number of personal budgets in place that have organised arrangements
DirectPayEducation	EHC - Number of personal budgets in place that have direct payment for education
DirectPaySocialCare	EHC - Number of personal budgets in place that have direct payment for social care
DirectPayHealth	EHC - Number of personal budgets in place that have direct payment for health
DirectPayIntegrated	EHC - Number of personal budgets in place that have direct payment for an integrated payment
NewEHCMediation	EHC - mediations - Number of mediation cases that have been held
NewEHCTribunal	EHC - mediations - Number of mediation cases that have been held which were followed by appeals to the Tribunal
IncExc20weekRate	EHC - Timeliness - Rate of EHC plans including exceptions issued within 20 weeks
NoExc20weekRate	EHC - Timeliness - Rate of EHC plans excluding exceptions issued within 20 weeks



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