



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

A 0–25 age range

Health services and education will work together in supporting learners with additional learning needs (ALN) from 0 to 25. Local authorities will seek advice and assistance from health professionals, where it's relevant to the individual learner.

Local authorities and further education institutions (FEIs) can request that the health service considers whether there's a relevant treatment or service likely to be of benefit in addressing the learner's ALN. If there is, the health service must secure it.

Where the health service believes that a child has (or probably has) ALN, they must bring this to the attention of the appropriate local authority, if they believe that is in the child's best interests.

A unified plan

Where a relevant treatment or service has been identified, this will be included as additional learning provision (ALP) within the individual development plan (IDP). Such ALP will be evidence-based interventions.

The statutory Designated Education Clinical Lead Officer (DECLO) will promote consistency and equity to ensure evidence-based interventions to promote better outcomes and reduce inequalities.

Welsh language

NHS bodies will have a new duty to decide whether a treatment or service (that is likely to be of benefit in addressing the ALN of a child or young person) should be provided in Welsh and, if so, to specify that in the IDP and to take all reasonable steps to secure that provision.

A mandatory ALN Code

The ALN Code will provide guidance on the new ALN system to which health services must have regard.



Clear and consistent rights of appeal

The Education Tribunal will be able to make recommendations to the health service and about the health aspects of ALP. The health service will be required to report to the Education Tribunal in relation to any recommendations to which it is subject. While the Education Tribunal may only make an Order that is binding on the local authority in relation to that provision, we would expect the local authority to seek the co-operation of health services in delivering the provision included in the Order. The DECLO will have a role here.

Avoiding disagreements and earlier disagreement resolution

Where a child, their parents/carers or a young person is unhappy with an assessment, treatment or service provided by the NHS, they can raise their concerns through the NHS Putting Things Right process. The DECLO will also have a role.

Increased collaboration

The duty on the health service to secure specific ALP contained in an IDP will ensure there's clarity and certainty around the delivery of provision. The creation of the DECLO in each health service will help strengthen liaison and joint action between the health service and the local authority.