



If a child needs extra support or services to help them with their education, health or development then children's social care will complete a child in need assessment.

All children with a disability are seen as a "child in need"



A social worker will complete a child in need assessment. This will tell them what services or help a child might need to stay healthy, safe and well. The social worker will use this information to write a child in need plan.



A child in need plan will have a list of jobs that parents and professionals should do. The plan will say how long these jobs should take.



A child in need plan is voluntary. This means that a parent can choose to work with the plan or not.

If a parent chooses not to work with the plan, children's social care could decide to take things further.



It is best for parents to work with children's social care to get the help and support that a child needs.



Child in need meetings will take place every 4-8 weeks.



In these meetings the social worker, parents and other professionals will look at the child in need plan.



Everyone will say if they think the plan is going well or if it needs to change.