

The Designated Clinical Officer 2024/25 Quarter 1 Report

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Who is this report for?



This report will be useful if you:

- Are a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)
- If you support a child or young person with SEND

Introduction




We are Melissa Robertson and Elisabet Eldred and we are your Designated Clinical Officers (DCOs)

As DCOs we help health professionals and the local authority work together to make sure that children and young people with SEND have the right health support to be the best they can be.

We would like to tell you about the things we are doing this year to improve things for you.

EHCPs and Audits	
	<p>We have looked at lots of EHCPs to work out how we can improve the description of your health needs.</p>
	<p>We have asked parents and other professionals what they would like to see included in your plans.</p>
	<p>We are working on a new template for all health professionals to use when asked to provide information for an EHC (Education, Health and Care) Needs Assessment.</p>

Reasonable Adjustments	
	<p>We have asked young people to tell us about how reasonable adjustments have helped them to feel comfortable during appointments.</p>
	<p>We have collected all the good examples of how mental health teams are able to adjust to your needs.</p>
	<p>We have used these good examples to create a booklet of reasonable adjustments for professionals to refer to when working with you.</p>
	<p>We are working out what further training health professionals need to make these adjustments.</p>

Learning	
	<p>We have been told that professionals need extra training to write EHC plans which include a good description of your health needs.</p>
	<p>We have worked with the Local Authority to train their new starters.</p>
	<p>We will be inviting health professionals to attend SEND and EHC awareness training.</p>