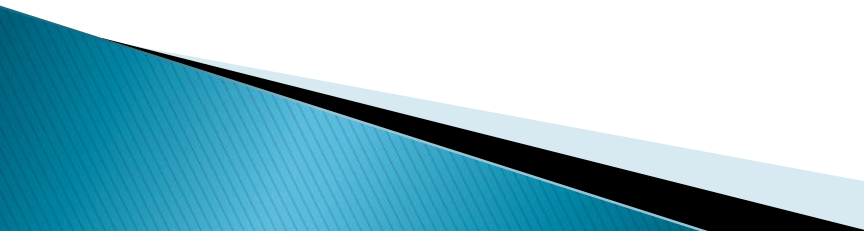


EHCP advice from Speech and Language Therapists

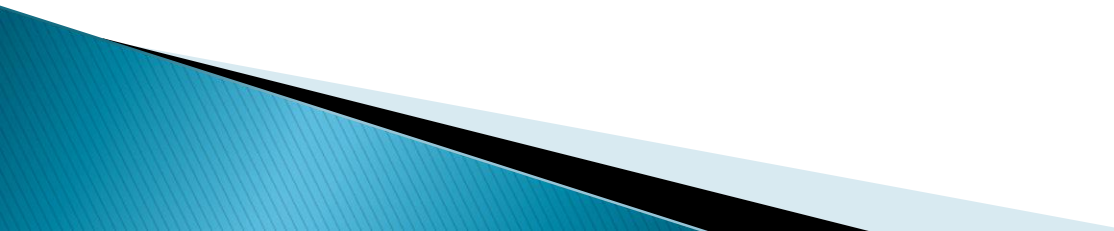
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EHCP advice – a bit of history

- ▶ I worked in Hampshire for 2.5 years before moving to Northamptonshire where my role is lead for SEND.
 - ▶ There was nobody in post and the Trust was undergoing a merge of North and South.
 - ▶ EHCP advice from SLT was not really used in plans and where it was it tended to be factually incorrect with bits of traditional reports plucked out of the text and copied.
 - ▶ I yearned for the Hampshire EHCP template.
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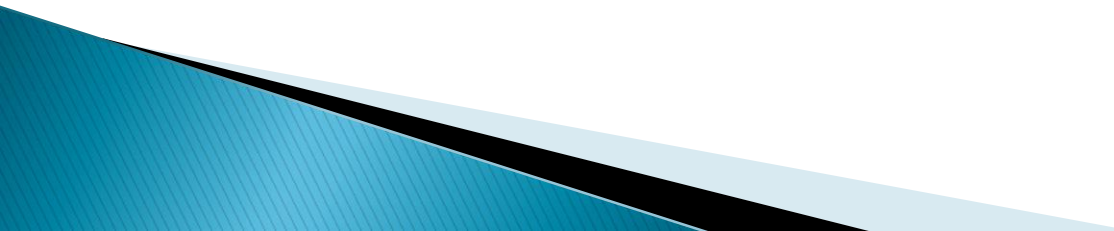
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- ▶ All therapy services added their information and all of the information was sent together.
 - ▶ Reports were saved on System1 and staff added their bits and all was read and signed off by a manager.
 - ▶ I did not have any feedback from the EHCP team in Hampshire but the Plans did seem to reflect what we had written.
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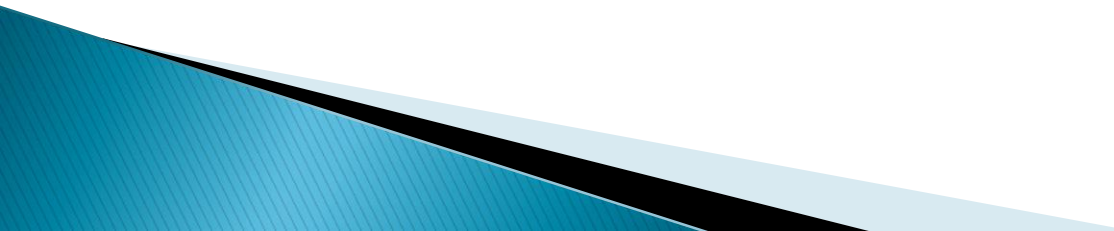
Who is the report written for?

- ▶ The intended advice is specifically to be used to reflect the individual child's strengths and needs.
 - ▶ I had a in depth discussion with NCC's EHCP manager and tweaked it a bit to include what provision was required for each area working through the document.
 - ▶ This reflects the EHCP document stage by stage
 - ▶ I created a template for staff to use with lots of pick lists to remind them what might be used in each section.
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Training and feedback!

- ▶ I went to see the EHCP writers who are a lovely bunch of people.
 - ▶ In Northamptonshire none of them has much knowledge and skills around Speech, Language or Communication and relied heavily on our reports to be really clear.
 - ▶ Copy and paste is their idea of heaven
 - ▶ Some words were not liked – “significant is a word that is used by EPs”
 - ▶ Training on what children might need with a demo where needed.
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Progression

- ▶ I have looked at very many EHCP advices now as I am the only person covering SEND.
 - ▶ There have been some difficulties in using the template as it is very different from how SLT's usually write reports.
 - ▶ Some therapists are concerned that we shouldn't make comments about Participation, Behaviour, Etc. I assure them that we are only commenting where these are affected by communication difficulties.
 - ▶ Only SLT at the moment.
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Tribunals

- ▶ I have used this format to attend Tribunals as I feel strongly that it fulfils the requirements of the EHCP advice more concisely than lengthy reports that I have seen from other therapists.
 - ▶ Barristers have been rather scathing however.
 - ▶ I am currently developing more Evidence Based Practice examples to add to the report where Tribunals make this necessary.
 - ▶ It is generally liked as being clear and unambiguous by NCC which is my goal.
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