

Elective Home Education (EHE) and Social Care Protocol Final draft updated on 18.12.23

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NB: This Protocol relates to all children in LBR who are subject to a CIN Plan or a CP Plan. This process will be followed at the time when these children are leaving their current school placement to move into EHE studies or an Alternative Provision placement.

Current process

1. If a family wish to opt for EHE studies they must write to the current school to confirm their decision.
2. At the point of deregistration, if there are new safeguarding concerns that have not been shared with Social Care, school staff make direct contact with the CPAT Team, to raise a new referral, if appropriate.
3. At present, all Secondary schools refer the deregistration letter on to the Head of Education Welfare Services (EWS) who will contact each family within 5 working days (cooling off period) to establish whether the decision to opt for EHE studies is a positive one. Once this decision is confirmed, the Head of EWS confirms that the child can be removed from the school register.
4. When the EHE team receive information that a family may be providing EHE studies, they write to each family to request completion of the online LBR EHE Registration form, so that an EHE monitoring visit date can be set. If the EHE form is not received within 7 days, the case is referred on to EWS:
<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/home-education-home-schooling/>
5. It is good practice to share information internally and to check the involvement, for example:
 - Social workers contact the EHE Advisor to confirm if a child is on the EHE register.
 - EHE Advisor shares the EHE report following contact with the named SW.
 - EHE Advisor attends all CP conferences for children with a CP plan who are also on the EHE register.
 - Joint EHE visits to be conducted when appropriate eg with Social Workers, School Nurse, Connexions Officer, Educational Psychologists.

Children who are subject to CIN and CP Plans

Following the Timpson review, the section on page 102 details the concerns around children moving from school to school or to other placements including EHE, without scrutiny. The review raises the questions:

1. What is the impact on the safety of the child or the long term outcomes when the educational provision is changed?
2. Can the allocated social worker be contacted at the time of the move to consider the level of risk to a child and whether the risks have changed?

EHE children who are subject to CIN and CP Plans

Proposal for discussion/consideration

1. If a parent submits a letter of deregistration to the school to confirm their intent to opt for EHE studies, the Designated Safeguarding School Officer will make contact with the allocated social worker.
2. The Social Worker will convene an urgent core group or network meeting * to discuss the level of risks associated with the move in terms of the child's safety or long term outcomes and a discussion will be included, on how to mitigate these safeguarding risks.
3. The CP Plan or CIN Plan will be updated to include the decision of the core group for CP cases or the Network meeting for CIN cases eg the child needs to have regular contact with an educational professional eg at school, through daily attendance.
4. If the core group/network meeting group alter the CP/CIN plan in light of the proposed move to EHE studies, it may be that a decision is taken for the child to stay on the current school roll to be visible, to be monitored and to minimise the educational safeguarding risks and wider concerns. The decision is communicated to the family.
5. Once the completed EHE form is processed, background checks will be run and a contact date will be set to discuss the current EHE provision. For each new case where the child is on a CP Plan or a CIN plan, contact will be made with the Quality Assurance team within Social Care and the Protocol record will be updated with the Elective Home Education Marker.

Note: This does not prevent the family applying for another school place so that the child transfers from one school to another school. The SW may support and help to facilitate such a move or help to communicate the issues back to the school.

*For children with an EHC plan, please refer to the 2021 SEND/EHE Protocol (attached) which states that an Emergency Annual Review must be convened before deregistration from a school can be completed.



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EHE Register data 18.12.23 (Total cases: 300)

CP Cases	1
CIN Cases	2 (CWD Team) VG IM
Open SC referrals –	SM AO – query with Havering
Inactive cases	124- 5 = 119