



Local Offer Quick Guide



Higher Education

“Securing a place in higher education is a positive outcome for many young people with special educational needs. Where a young person has this ambition, the right level of provision and support should be provided to help them to achieve that goal, wherever possible”. (SEN Code of Practice chapter 8)

Students who have an EHC plan should be aware that it will cease (end) when they proceed into Higher Education.

The Local Authority will share the EHC plan with the Higher Education provider on request

The Local Authority must make the EHC plan available for the Disabled Student Allowance Assessor where asked to do so and when the young person agrees.

Any social care support that is needed can be planned before moving away from home. Under the Care Act 2014, young people have the right to request transition assessments for adult services once they turn 18. Local authorities should use these assessments to plan for support that will be provided by the local authority while a young person is in higher education.

Higher Education providers (usually a university) will have arrangements in place for students who have additional needs and it is important that young people make themselves and their needs known to the university as early as possible, even before applying.

Some useful links

- [Find a university disability officer](#) You will need to notify the provider of your support needs. You should inform both the accommodation and the course organisers to make sure your needs are met.
- [Disabled Students Allowance \(DSA\)](#) applications for this need to be made at least six months in advance.
- [Ask Jules](#) – Ask Jules supports young disabled adults to run their social care or health care personal budgets when at university
- [UCAS Guidance for Students](#) Government advice for disabled students
- [Disability Rights UK - Disabled students guides and fact sheets](#)
- [Student Health Association Assistance Fund](#) A bursary for disabled students with health needs
- [National Autistic Society support for students at Northampton University](#)
- [Mapped](#) an ‘app’ that may provide information about university buildings