
**Health Assessment Team (SEND) Sheffield**

**Who are we?**

Our specialist team was established to ensure that the health needs of Sheffield’s children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) are appropriately supported.

Our team consists of experienced nurses and a project officer. Our collective aim is to ensure that the health element of the law considering SEND is delivered consistently across Sheffield services.

**What do we do?**

We ensure that SEND health needs are accurately assessed, interpreted and considered when planning and delivering access to education. We are responsible for discharging the ICB’s statutory duties in relation to SEND. We do this by:

* providing direct consultations- giving advice and support to families, professionals and service providers
* assessing complex health need and translating this into the health elements of an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)- this includes specifying need, outcomes and provision required to meet the need
* working with partner agencies and a wide variety of health teams to collate health information from multiple sources and disseminate in line with information sharing processes
* providing clinical oversight of identified complex health needs, reviewing outcomes and provision where required
* representing health within the local authority’s panels which discuss EHCP applications. Our presence ensures that health needs are appropriately considered and contribute to a holistic view of an individual’s level of need and the provision required to meet that need
* contributing to multi- disciplinary team meetings and tribunals
* delivering training

**How can you contact us?**

You can contact us directly to request advice or support via the following email address:

syicb-sheffield.dco@nhs.net

Depending on your query, we will advise whether a formal referral is required. Please ensure you have consent from the family/ young person prior to contacting us for a specific case consultation.

You can find further information on the work we do on the following website:

[SEND Sheffield :: Healthier Together (sybhealthiertogether.nhs.uk)](https://sybhealthiertogether.nhs.uk/parentscarers/send-special-educational-needs-and-disability/send-sheffield)

Additional information on Sheffield’s wider SEND services can be found via the Local Offer website:

[Local Offer: special educational needs and disabilities services | Sheffield City Council](https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/local-offer)