

Co-ordinated support plans (CSPs)



If you need a lot of extra support from your school and other people outside of school (like a social worker or a special nurse) you may need a **co-ordinated support plan**. This type of plan helps to make sure all the people working with you work well together and know what's going on with your support.

Good to know...

A CSP is a legal document. This means that the support agreed in the plan must be provided. Disagreements about CSPs can be taken to the Additional Support Needs Tribunal.

The Additional Support Needs Tribunal is a special court that looks into disagreements about extra support in school.

What type of information is in a co-ordinated support plan?

A co-ordinated support plan should have all the information that the people who are supporting you need to know, like:

- which school you attend
- the reasons why you need extra support
- the type and level of support you need
- how the support will help you and the goals the support will help you reach
- who will provide the different types of support
- the name of the person you or your family can talk to about the plan if you have any questions
- your views and your parent/ carers' views on the support needed.

"Thanks for all the help. You've changed my life for the better."

Pupil

If you are aged between 12 – 15 you have the right to be involved in decisions about your co-ordinated support plan.

You also have the right to:

- ask for someone (like an advocacy worker) to help you share your views about your support
- ask your school or local authority for a co-ordinated support plan
- ask for your views to be recorded in the co-ordinated support plan
- have your own copy of your co-ordinated support plan
- ask the Additional Support for Learning Tribunal to look at any disagreements about a co-ordinated support plan.

Is it my school that decides whether I need a co-ordinated support plan?

No. Your local authority decides which pupils should have a co-ordinated support plan.

Co-ordinated support plans - How can My Rights, My Say help me?

A My Rights, My Say advocacy worker can help you understand your right to be involved in decisions about your support and speak to your school about your existing CSP, or your wish to get one. They can also help if you want to take a disagreement to the Tribunal.

Good to know...



You won't have to do any of this alone. My Rights, My Say can help you every step of the way:

- **By coming to meetings with you**
- **To help you think about what you want to say**
- **To speak on your behalf if you don't want to. (Your advocacy worker will only say the things that you have asked them to say.)**
- **To feel prepared and confident to say have your say**

Get in touch



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