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| **FAQ’s regarding current Annual Reviews process**  in response to questions raised at the Mach ’24 SENCo Briefing sessions | |
| **Questions:** | **Answers:** |
| We have had feedback that the comments in the review mean no changes are needed, What is the criteria...who decides what are relevant changes? | It is not expected that EHCPs will be updated at every annual review. Updates are made where it is clear that there have been changes for the child in terms of, for example, needs and provision, that make a significant and material difference to the understanding of the child, their needs, and the provision required to meet these needs. Changes should be supported by triangulated professional evidence, with the exception of Section A, which is non statutory. Section A should be updated at phase transfer unless there are very notable changes in the child’s life. |
| Managing parent/carer expectations - could there be a road map for post annual review? | This is already available on the local offer. |
| Does the service time for annual reviews come out of our allocation of hours? | Yes. Annual reviews that are due should be discussed at the Multi-Agency planning meetings (MAP) and where changes to the Plan are being considered then appropriate attendance should be agreed at this point and time allocated from the core allocation to schools from the teams. |
| Why are old style EHCP's not being put into new format after an AR? | We are awaiting information on the expectations of LAs when the new national template is agreed and becomes a requirement. Otherwise we will have to transfer 11500 EHCPs to a new format twice. |
| Is there a plan to move everything online like Walsall and Staffs do? EHC Hub? | Yes. This functionality is offered via NEXUS, which is under development in Birmingham. |