

Your Freedom of Information request to the Department for Education (2026-0058955) CRM:0709458



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Thank you for getting in touch with the Department for Education.

We received your Freedom of Information request today and our aim is to respond within 20 working days, as set out in the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The reference number we have given your request is: 2026-0058955

You requested:

Dear FOI Team,

I am requesting the following information relating specifically to the Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP) information within the draft statutory guidance Supporting pupils with medical conditions, published on 5th March 2026.

The IHP section assigns the responsibility to schools for developing, maintaining, and reviewing a pupil's IHP. The intention appears to be that IHPs will sit alongside and operate in conjunction with plans produced by registered health professionals.

As care planning is integral to regulated activities undertaken by health providers and health professionals, it is important to understand how the health and school processes and plans will work together in practice, including how the health professional's plan will interface with, inform, and align with the school's IHP processes.

Given this, please provide:

1. Recorded information showing whether the DfE contacted, consulted, or sought input from any of the following bodies specifically regarding the individual healthcare plan aspects of the draft guidance:

- Care Quality Commission
- General Medical Council
- Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Health and Care Professions Council

2. For any such engagement, please provide recorded information describing:

- the nature of the engagement (e.g., correspondence, meetings, written comments)
- the dates of engagement, any comments, feedback, or materials provided by these regulators regarding the individual healthcare plan section.

If some information is held only in part, please disclose all releasable material. If the request risks exceeding the cost limit, please advise how this request may be refined.

I would prefer to receive the information electronically via email.

Answers to a wide range of education related questions can be found online at: [Department for Education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education)

You can also contact our general helpline on 0370 000 2288. Lines are open Monday to Friday, from 9.30am to 5pm.

If contacting the helpline about this enquiry, please quote the above reference number.

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Dear Mrs Smith,

Thank you for your request for information, which was received on 5th March 2026.

You requested:

1. Recorded information showing whether the Department for Education (DfE) contacted, consulted, or sought input from any of the following bodies specifically regarding the individual healthcare plan aspects of the draft guidance:

- Care Quality Commission
- General Medical Council
- Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Health and Care Professions Council

2. For any such engagement, recorded information describing:

- the nature of the engagement (e.g. correspondence, meetings, written comments)
- the dates of engagement and any comments, feedback, or materials provided by these regulators regarding the individual healthcare plan section.

I have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Following a search of the Department's paper and electronic records, I have established that the Department does not hold recorded information showing that it formally engaged with the Care Quality Commission, General Medical Council, Nursing and Midwifery Council or Health and Care Professions Council specifically in relation to the individual healthcare plan aspects of the draft guidance. The Department therefore does not hold the information you have requested for the purposes of this request.

However, it may be helpful to note that the policy area of supporting pupils with medical conditions in schools is developed within the context of wider engagement and cross-government working with health partners and experts. In particular, officials have engaged with health bodies more generally as part of the development of the wider draft statutory guidance *Supporting pupils in school with medical conditions and allergies*, which is currently subject to public consultation. This engagement was not undertaken as a discrete or recorded exercise focused solely on individual healthcare plans.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me via the DfE [contact form](#) on GOV.UK. Please remember to quote the reference number **2026-0058955** in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled, you should make a complaint to the Department by writing to me within two calendar months of the date of this letter. Your complaint will be considered by an independent review panel which was not involved in the original consideration of your request.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint to the Department, you may then contact the Information Commissioner's Office.

Yours sincerely,

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