

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Transport Policy 2022/23

This policy is for Full-time Students Aged 19-25 years, with learning difficulties and disabilities.

Policy Statement Introduction

This Transport Policy seeks to ensure that wherever possible 19-25 year old Hertfordshire students with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) are not prevented from accessing post compulsory education because of the cost or availability of transport.

Learners with an Education Health and Care Plan who are provided with the transport requirements specified in their Plans.

The transport needs of students with Education Health and Care Plans who's plans will continue in Years 13/14 are identified as part of the plan review process.

Learners with disabilities and/or learning difficulties who do not have an Education, Health and Care Plan where the provision of transport has been deemed necessary including adults aged 19-25.

The individual transport needs of students with disabilities and/or learning difficulties but who do not have an Education, Health and Care Plan may be discussed by the Youth Connexions Adviser. Transport eligibility decisions are based on information provided by Youth Connexions Advisers and also where appropriate, in consultation with the current place of education and after checks that the course is the closest of its kind to the family home. Parents and carers can also submit supporting evidence relating to the young person's individual needs which would also be considered as part of the assessment.

These decisions will be kept under review to ensure that changing needs during the course can be identified and met.

There are four possible types of institution involved:

- schools
- institution maintained by Hertfordshire County Council
- Further Education College
- Establishments (outside the Further and High Education sectors) at which the authority secures the provision of education or training.

Young people with disabilities and /or learning difficulties aged up to 25 may benefit from this provision, where deemed appropriate.

Appeals Process

Appeals

A Transport Appeals process has been established for those who believe that:

- 1) The Council has not applied this policy correctly;
- 2) There are compelling reasons to justify making an exception to the policy.

If you wish to appeal a transport decision you should contact the SEN Transport Team by emailing schooltransport@hertfordshire.gov.uk or by calling the Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 4043.

In addition, a Special Needs Learning Difficulties and Disabilities Assessment Panel will also consider cases where a parent/carer disagrees with the type of transport provision that has been identified for their son/daughter.

If you wish a transport provision to be reviewed please contact the SEN Transport Team by emailing schooltransport@hertfordshire.gov.uk or by calling the Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 4043.