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Background

Within the SEND Quality Assurance process, an EHC plan audit is carried out bi-monthly. The theme for cycle 6 was CFWS/social care advice. 5 audits were completed and rated using: Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement and Inadequate. Each question has a rating and an overall CFWS/social care advice judgement and an overall EHC plan judgement (for the whole of the EHC plan).

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Judgement on social care advice

Outstanding	0
Good	1
Requires Improvement	1
Inadequate	3



Overall judgement on the EHC plan

Outstanding	0
Good	0
Requires Improvement	3
Inadequate	2



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Working well?

- Two audits judged voice of the child as good – voice was evident throughout the advice provided.
- Two audits were judged good as needs were well explained and how the behaviour of the child impacted on progress in school.
- One audit had good outcomes.

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Where do we need to improve?

- History of a child provides context to developmental progress and behaviours. However, consideration needs to be given to the depth of information provided as EHC plans are seen by a wider range of professionals than social care plans.

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Where do we need to improve?

- Advice provided should consider wider aspects of a child's life experience and how this impacts on education.
- Needs tend to be written as a description.
- Accuracy required when providing personal details, including spelling of children's names.



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Where do we need to improve?

- Provision is included within the outcomes section, meaning that the EHC plan is non-compliant.
- Where outcomes are included, these are too broad and have not been made SMART.

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What happens next?

A briefing will be provided to CFWS/social care staff on the findings from the audit. Top tips will be refreshed from previous version with a reminder for staff that the EHC plan is a legal document. Outcomes training will be developed for CFWS/Social care staff.

