

Section 23: Information About a Health Notification to Education

1 What is a Section 23 Notification?

A Section 23 Notification is a way for a health professional to inform the local authority about a child (0–5 years) who may have, or be likely to have, special educational needs or disabilities (SEND).

This allows the local authority (LA) to be aware and consider any next steps.



4 What does this mean for me and my child?

You will be informed when a notification is sent. It does not guarantee any support or intervention, but it may help the LA consider what could be helpful.

Only information needed for the LA to consider next steps is shared:

- Your child's basic details
- The reason for the notification
- Relevant health information



2 Why has this been sent?

A health professional has noticed something that might affect your child's learning or development.

This could relate to hearing, communication, movement, or other areas of development.

5 Where to get support

You can speak and ask questions with the health professional who made the notification or the Early Years Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (EYSEND) team.

Your views will always be considered.

3 What happens next?

The LA's early years team may:

- Contact you to discuss the notification
- Offer advice or signposting
- Share information with early years settings if appropriate and with your knowledge
- Consider whether any early intervention or support is needed



6 Helpful links and resources

- [EY SEND Padlet - Strategies for Home](#)
- [Special Education Needs & Disabilities Local Offer | Ask Lion - Nottingham City Directory](#)
- [Early Years - Nottingham City Council](#)