SEN2 2026 Easy Read



The SEN2 Data release is a large data set released every year.

Local Authorities provide the Department for Education with their data, so it can all be stored in one place.

The data is one year behind, and is published in June with the data from the whole of the year before.

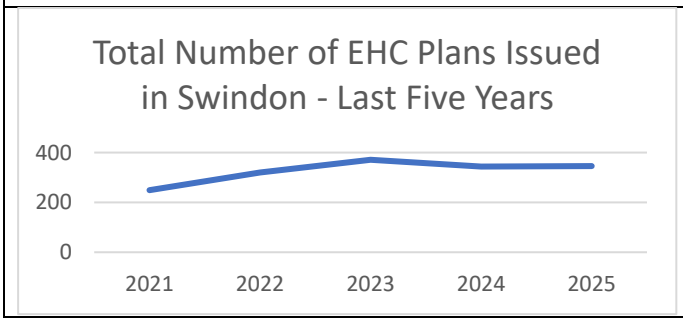


We know that our data recording in Swindon needs to improve, and so the data we reported to the SEN2 may not reflect exactly how things actually are. They do however give us a good idea of how we're doing, and what we need to work on.

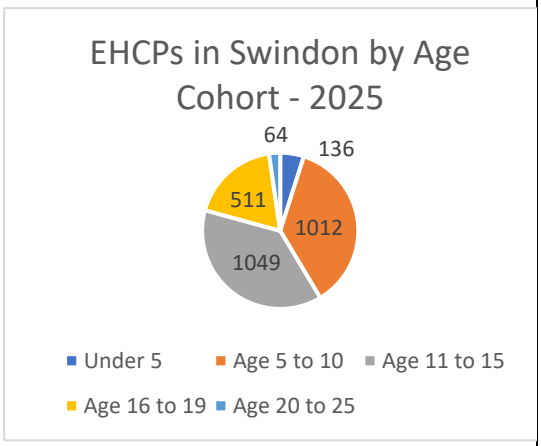


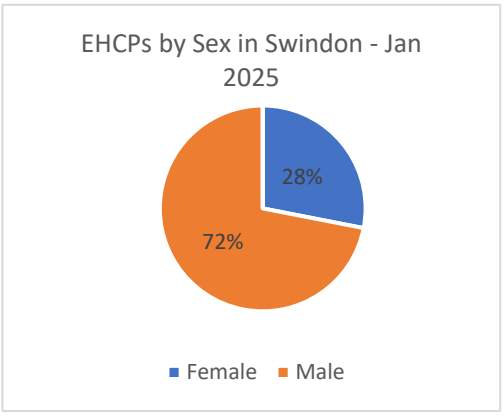
The data includes information about individuals with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), and Appeals.

It is used to make sure that Local Authorities are doing their jobs how, and when, they should be.

	As of January 2026, Swindon has a total of 2789 **Open EHCPs** according to the SEN2 return.
	As of January 2026, there are **718,838 Open EHCPs** in the whole of England. That's 80,093 more than in 2025.
	In 2025, Swindon Borough Council received 761 **requests for an Education Health and Care Needs Assessment (EHCNA)**.
	In 2025, **162,702 requests for an EHCNA** were made in the whole of England. That's 8,202 more than in 2024.
	In 2025, Swindon Borough Council issued 346 **New EHCPs**.

	In 2025, **110,708 EHCPs** were issued in the whole of England. That's 12,961 more EHCPs issued than in 2024.
	**11.8%** of all new EHCPs issued in 2025 were issued within 20-weeks in Swindon. This does not include EHCPs issued due to an appeal decision. This is a **decrease** of 76% compared to 2024.

	**46.1%** of all new EHCPs issued in 2025 in the whole of England were issued within 20-weeks. This does not include EHCPs issued due to an appeal decision. This is 0.6% **less** than in 2024.
	In Swindon, the largest percentage of EHCPs are for children and young people aged 11-15 years old. That's **1043** children and young people! Only a small number of young people aged 20-25 have an EHCP in Swindon – **64** in total!

	In Swindon, the largest percentage of EHCPs are for males. That's **nearly three quarters of all EHCPs in Swindon.**

	In Swindon, the largest percentage of EHCPs are for children and young people listed as 'White'. That's **2002** children and young people! Only **9% of EHCPs** in Swindon are for Asian / Asian British children and young people. Only 4**% of EHCPs** in Swindon are for Black / African / Caribbean / Black British children and young people.
	In Swindon, most children and young people with an EHCP are in a mainstream school – **46%.** That's **1283** children and young people! Nationally, **45.5%** of children and young people with an EHCP are in a mainstream school.

	In Swindon, **36%** of children and young people with an EHCP are in a Special School. That's 1004 children and young people! Nationally, **29.4%** of children and young people with an EHCP are in a Special School.
	In Swindon, during 2025 there were a total of 186 **mediations** – that's 19 **more** than in 2024. There were also **131** Tribunal requests during this time – 42 **more** than in 2024.
	If you would like to know more about the national figures, or see the numbers for yourself, you can find them through the link below: https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/education-health-and-care-plans
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