

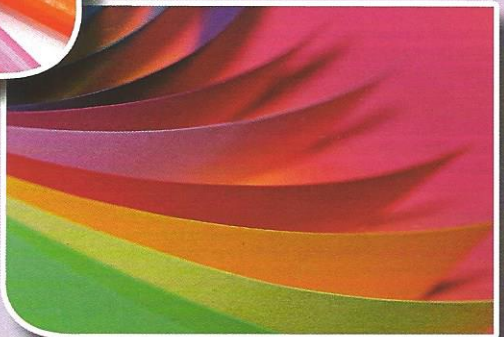
type 3 Gaucher disease special educational needs



Children with type 3 Gaucher disease may need more support than others to reach their full learning potential.

Many children will attend mainstream schools and some will need a more specialist provision.

The information given here mainly relates to England. In the rest of the UK it is slightly different - in Scotland it is called Additional Support for Learning and in Wales and Northern Ireland it is called a Statement of Special Educational Needs. Please check with your local authority for more detailed information.



Before starting school speak to the SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator), show them the main type 3 booklet – especially the education section about how type 3 Gaucher disease can effect learning.



Initially support might be provided through the school budget with a School Action / School Action Plus (local authorities call these different names, such as My Plan / My Plan Plus – please check on your local council website in their education/ SEN section).

If this plan isn't enough, the next step is to request an 'Education, Health and Care needs assessment' – since 2014 this has taken over 'statementing'. The local authority must carry this out if they believe your child's SEN may require more help than a mainstream educational setting can normally provide. The process can be started by a parent, a young person (if they are over 16 years old) or school / college. They will need to see evidence that the child needs more support for their SEN than a mainstream setting can normally provide. The local authority must tell you in writing within 6 week whether or not they will assess your child.

Once they have agreed to carry out an assessment they will gather all the information from the parent / child, school/college, other services involved (e.g. Educational Psychologist, specialist

teachers, health and social care services). The local authority will then decide whether to issue an Education, Health and Care Plan.

The final plan must be issued within 20 weeks from initial application.



If you would like further advice around education please do contact our Patient and Family Support Worker on 01453 549 231