



Educational Psychology Service

We work with children and young people, their families/carers and professionals in educational settings and in other services.

We provide a service designed to promote the best possible outcomes for children and young people in terms of learning, social and emotional development and wellbeing, and their inclusion within their community. We work directly with children and young people, offering advice and consultation. We also offer training and development for professionals and information and guidance to parents.

Our services are normally accessed by negotiation with another professional, typically someone who works in a nursery, school or clinic setting.

Services we offer include:

- psychological assessment of children and young people
- therapeutic interventions with children and young people
- mentoring and coaching with school staff
- solution circles for staff
- school development strategies
- consultation and problem solving in relation to individual children and young people
- training

Our work relates to the SEND Code of Practice. If assessment of children and young people is required this will be holistic and broad based, recognizing the unique nature of every child and their context. We will work with the education provider, the child or young person and their family to draw information together in order to develop a formulation of their strengths, needs, aspirations. With this we will work with you to find the right approaches to interventions and supports that will be helpful.

We offer services to children and young people, schools and other educational settings. SEND Code of Practice statutory work carries no charge and is available to any County Durham child/young person who needs it in whatever context they are receiving education. This includes preparation of Psychological Advice for the council as part of Education Health Care (EHC) needs assessments, transfers of statements of SEN to EHC Plans, and supporting the council to understand needs and provision if a change of placement or provision is requested. Very young children who may need provision which is additional to or different from that which is usually available for a child of similar age, is also available to any child that has been identified as needing it, wherever they are receiving their education.

Service Level Agreements are taken out by schools, groups of schools and other educational settings for other educational psychology work.

We also has a key role in strategic developments across the council, with a Senior Educational Psychologist holding the strategic lead role in each of the four SEND areas.

Who to contact

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Where to go

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Other details

Age range From 2 years 0 months to 18 years 11 months

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