

Dear Professionals,

In this newsletter, please find the following training and support with the booking/information links. Please find more information on each session, in this PDF document.

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DSPL8 Staffing Update	See update below.
Autism & Girls Training	<a href="https://DSPL8autismandgirls.eventbrite.co.uk">https://DSPL8autismandgirls.eventbrite.co.uk</a>
DSPL8 Professionals Training Offer: Summer 2024	See pages 3-4 <a href="https://dspl8.eventbrite.co.uk/">https://dspl8.eventbrite.co.uk/</a>
Senior Mental Health Lead Training	<a href="http://www.gov.uk">Senior mental health lead training - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
Woodfield Outreach Training: Spring 2024	<a href="http://www.dspl8.eventbrite.com">www.dspl8.eventbrite.com</a>
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Children & Young Peoples Therapies Digital Referral Process	<a href="http://hct.nhs.uk">Home   Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust (hct.nhs.uk)</a>
Educational Psychology Service Training 2024	Email: <a href="mailto:libby.viner@hertfordshire.gov.uk">libby.viner@hertfordshire.gov.uk</a>
First Steps ED	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com">Discover First Steps Ed Events &amp; Activities Online   Eventbrite</a>
Empower	For further information contact <a href="mailto:empower@watfordfc.com">empower@watfordfc.com</a>   01923 496 000
SEND Quality Assurance and Audit Activity	Email: <a href="mailto:policyandpractice@hertfordshire.gov.uk">policyandpractice@hertfordshire.gov.uk</a>
Local High Needs Funding Panel dates 2023-24	See LHNF panel dates on page 17

## DSPL8 Staffing Update

### A message from Ashley Fabray, DSPL8 Support Officer:

*"I will be leaving my role as DSPL8 Support Officer at the end of term to take on a new challenge in the Corporate world.*

*I have really enjoyed my time working for DSPL8 and with Schools and Families; it has been a great pleasure working with you all, thank you for your support over the years and I wish you all well.*

*All the best, Ashley."*

Please bare with us, in the interim whilst we appoint a for a new Support Officer.



## Autism & Girls Training

Register your place via: <https://DSPL8autismandgirls.eventbrite.co.uk>



# Delivering Special Provision Locally

In celebration of  
**Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month**  
Dacorum DSPL Area 8 are pleased to offer  
**Autism & Girls**

**Thursday 18th April 2024**  
**9.30-11.30am**

By the end of this course, we aim

- To increase understanding of autism in girls
- To develop helpful strategies and approaches to support girls with autism



The workshops will take place online via MS Teams.



For more information and to book, please visit Eventbrite: [DSPL8 Eventbrite](https://DSPL8.eventbrite.co.uk)

This training is open to both Primary & Secondary schools in the DSPL8 only.



## Hertfordshire Autism Training



## Summer Term DSPL8 Professionals Training

The Summer term training events are now open on Eventbrite for booking via:

<https://dspl8.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Download the full DSPL8 Professionals Training Offer 2023-24 via: <https://dacorumspl.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/DSPL8-Professionals-Training-Offer-2023-24.pdf>

## DSPL8 Professionals Training Offer 2023-24

Please find below the dates and times for training available to DSPL8 Professionals.

### Summer 2024 Term

Autism Lead Network meeting	11/06/2024	13:00-14:30	Online
Early Years & Primary School Mental Health and Wellbeing (pastoral) Leads network	12/06/2024	13:30-15:00	Online (Microsoft teams link will be sent from Public Health)
Secondary Emotional Wellbeing & Behaviour Forum (pastoral) Leads network	23/05/2024	15:30-17:00	The Haven, DESC
HFL Education SEND Briefing	03/07/2024	09:00-13:00	Hobbs Hill Wood School
SENCo Cluster Network: <u>Hemel Hempstead 1</u>	07/05/2024	13:00-14:30	Gade Community Room, Chaulden Junior School
SENCo Cluster Network: <u>Hemel Hempstead 2</u>	02/05/2024	09:15-10:45	Hobbs Hill Wood School
SENCo Cluster Network: <u>Berkhamsted</u>	08/05/2024	13:00-14:30	Thomas Coram CE School
SENCo Cluster Network: <u>Tring</u>	01/05/2024	13:00-14:30	Tring School
SENCo Cluster Network: <u>Secondary</u>	21/05/2024	09:15-10:45	Astley Cooper School
Early Years Transition Event	12 /06/2024	16:00-17:30	Hobletts Manor Infants School
V-SEND Training	24/04/2024 09/07/2024	14:00-16:00 10:00-12:00	DESC Hobbs Hill Wood School
<b>Woodfield Outreach Training:</b>			
Great Skills for Teaching and Learning Assistants	17/04/2024	13:30-15:30	<u>Venue for all Outreach Training:</u>
Understanding and Using the Zones of Regulation: Part 1	24/04/2024	14:00-15:00	Woodfield School Malmes Croft, Hemel Hempstead HP3 8RL
Part 2	01/05/2024	14:00-15:00	
Supporting Anxious Children and Young People	08/05/2024	13:30-15:30	
Positive Behaviour Support for TA's	15/05/2024	13:30-15:30	
Supporting Independent Learning (for primary pupils with SEND)	22/05/2024	13:30-15:30	
Supporting Sensory Needs in the Classroom	05/06/2024	13:30-15:30	

Bookings will be opened termly on Eventbrite. Book via: [www.dspl8.eventbrite.com](http://www.dspl8.eventbrite.com)

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Facebook - [www.facebook.com/dspldacorum/](https://www.facebook.com/dspldacorum/)

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Instagram - [https://www.instagram.com/dspl\\_dacorum/](https://www.instagram.com/dspl_dacorum/)



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<https://dspl8.eventbrite.co.uk/>

The full 2023-24 Training offer is available for downloading via: <https://dacorumdspl.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/DSPL8-Professionals-Training-Offer-2023-24.pdf>

(Bookings will be opened termly on Eventbrite)

## DSPL8 Professionals Training Offer 2023-24

Please find below the training available to DSPL8 Professionals for 2023-24.  
Dates for Autumn, Spring & Summer Term are available overleaf.

### Autism Lead Network Meeting

Autism Lead Forums are sessions for those with autism lead responsibility to hear the latest developments and practice for autistic young people. There is also an opportunity for networking and sharing good practice between schools.

Bookings will be opened termly on Eventbrite. Book via: [www.dspl8.eventbrite.com](http://www.dspl8.eventbrite.com)

### Primary School Mental Health and Wellbeing (pastoral) Leads network

Mental Health Lead Forums are sessions for those with mental health lead/deputy responsibility to hear latest developments, training and support for those working to improve and support well-being in schools for adults and young people.

\*You do not need to book on Eventbrite, as a Microsoft teams link will follow from Public Health.

### Secondary Emotional Wellbeing & Behaviour Forum (pastoral) Leads network

The Emotional Wellbeing & Behaviour Forum provides an opportunity for Secondary Pastoral Leads to hear the latest initiatives and developments. Whilst providing an opportunity for networking and sharing of good practice.

Bookings will be opened termly on Eventbrite. Book via: [www.dspl8.eventbrite.com](http://www.dspl8.eventbrite.com)

### HFL Education DSPL8 SEND Briefing

SEND Briefings are designed for all SENCO's to ensure you are up to date with local and national SEND practice. With an hour for a specialist presentation on a SEND related topic and two hours for HFL Education presentation on local/national updates. Slides of presentations are available after the event to those that have attended/registered and we also ensure there is time for networking and catch up over coffee and biscuits.

Bookings will be opened termly on Eventbrite. Book via: [www.dspl8.eventbrite.com](http://www.dspl8.eventbrite.com)

### SENCo Network Cluster Meetings

SENCo network meetings are an opportunity for SENCO's to share good practice ideas, problem solve together and spend some time with others. From time to time speakers can be arranged and there is an opportunity for issues raised to be highlighted within the DSPL in order to highlight need or seek resolution to common challenges.

Bookings will be opened termly on Eventbrite. Book via: [www.dspl8.eventbrite.com](http://www.dspl8.eventbrite.com)

### Early Years Leads & SENCo Meetings

Early Years Leads & SENCo meetings are opportunity for Early Year Leads with their school SENCO to explore good practice in early years for SEN children. Update on local early years support and processes. Chance to network with local schools and share challenges.

Bookings will be opened termly on Eventbrite. Book via: [www.dspl8.eventbrite.com](http://www.dspl8.eventbrite.com)

### Early Years Transition Event

Early Years transition event is a face to face event to enable communications between PVI's, Nurseries and Reception Schools in Dacorum for children moving settings in nursery and reception. Dacorum Family Centres, ISL & Early Years Advisory Teachers will be in attendance at this event.

Bookings will be opened in the Spring Term on Eventbrite. Book via: [www.dspl8.eventbrite.com](http://www.dspl8.eventbrite.com)

### V-SEND Training

V-SEND Training sessions are new updated training looking at how V-SEND can be used to document your APDR cycle, how it can support in identifying provision to meet children's needs but will still also include a basic introduction of how to log on and use the system.

Bookings will be opened termly on Eventbrite. Book via: [www.dspl8.eventbrite.com](http://www.dspl8.eventbrite.com)

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### Senior Mental Health Lead Training

Schools need to have **applied for the grant by 31<sup>st</sup> March**, and **commenced training by end of July**.

Further details can be found via the link below:

[Senior mental health lead training - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

# Senior Mental Health Lead Training



Did you know the Department for Education is offering a **grant of £1,200** for eligible state-funded schools and colleges to train a **senior mental health lead**?\*



Schools and Colleges can now claim a **2nd grant** if the trained lead has left the setting.



Don't Miss Out!  
Click [here](#) to claim your grant now!

"There was time to clarify ideas through the support of a dedicated coach and deep dive into our provision and support"

"The training has been hugely helpful in identifying areas where more work is needed over the next year"

"I enjoyed the mix of practical tips, modelling and academic research"



Find a course that meets your needs and claim your grant for in 3 simple steps:

- Step 1:** Reserve the grant
- Step 2:** Choose and book your course
- Step 3:** Upload evidence of your booking to secure payment

- c100 DfE quality assured courses to choose from
- Beginner, intermediate and advanced courses, delivered online or face to face
- Online tools to help you select the right course for you and your setting

Note: Second grant applications require ticking a declaration as part of step 1

All courses will help the mental health lead to develop a **whole school or college approach** to mental health and wellbeing.

\*The grant can also be used for supply cover should you need to backfill your mental health lead whilst undertaking training

### Woodfield Outreach Training: Summer 2024

Please see below the date for the Woodfield Outreach Training sessions for the Summer Term.

Please register your attendance via Eventbrite: [www.dspl8.eventbrite.com](http://www.dspl8.eventbrite.com)

	Dates	Time	Location
<b>Summer Term 2023</b>			
Great Skills for Teaching and Learning Assistants	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	1.30 – 3.30 pm	Woodfield School HP3 8RL
Understanding and Using the Zones of Regulation Part 1	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	2.00 – 3.30 pm	Woodfield School HP3 8RL
Understanding and Using the Zones of Regulation Part 2	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	2.00 – 3.30 pm	Woodfield School HP3 8RL
Supporting Anxious Children and Young People	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	1.30 – 3.30 pm	Woodfield School HP3 8RL
Positive Behaviour Support for TA's	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	1.30 – 3.30 pm	Woodfield School HP3 8RL
Supporting Independent Learning (for primary pupils with SEND)	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	1.30 – 3.30 pm	Woodfield School HP3 8RL
Supporting Sensory Needs in the Classroom	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	1.30 – 3.30 pm	Woodfield School HP3 8RL



Hertfordshire Autism Training**Hertfordshire Autism Training****Level 3: Autism 'Lite Bites'****Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

- 2 topics with 2 time slots for each
- Each session lasts 30 minutes
- Register via Eventbrite

**Intensive Interaction**

The aims of the training are:

- What is intensive interaction?
- Who would you use intensive interaction for?
- Why is intensive interaction important?
- What does intensive interaction look like in practice and when would you use it?

09:15 – 09:45 Session please register here

[HAT Lite Bite Intensive Interaction 12th June 2024, 09:15am](#)

10:45 – 11:15 Session please register here

[HAT Lite Bite Intensive Interaction 12th June 2024, 10:45am Tickets, Wed 12 Jun 2024 at 10:45 | Eventbrite](#)**Anticipation Games & People Games**

The aims of the training are:

- What are anticipation games? What are 'People games'?
- Why do we play anticipation and people games?
- Examples of anticipation and people games

10:00 – 10:30 Session please register here

[HAT Lite Bite Anticipation Games & People Games 12th June 2024, 10am Tickets, Wed 12 Jun 2024 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

11.30 – 12:00 Session please register here

[HAT Lite Bite Anticipation Games & People Games 12th June 2024, 11:30am Tickets, Wed 12 Jun 2024 at 11:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Suitable for practitioners working with children or any age where these interventions are developmentally appropriate.

[AutismTraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:AutismTraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

## Hertfordshire Autism Training



# Hertfordshire Autism Training



## Level 3: Autism 'Lite Bites'

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024:

- 2 topics with 2 time slots for each
- Each session lasts 30 minutes
- Register via Eventbrite

### Structured Teaching Approaches

The aims of the training are:

- To recognise why structured teaching is important to those with autism and social communication differences.
- To understand how to implement structured teaching in everyday learning.

10:00-10:30 Session please register here -

[HAT Lite Bite Structured Teaching Approaches 8th May 2024, 10am Tickets, Wed 8 May 2024 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

11:30-12:00 Session please register here -

[HAT Lite Bite Structured Teaching Approaches 8th May 2024, 11:30am Tickets, Wed 8 May 2024 at 11:30 | Eventbrite](#)

### Sensory Circuits

The aims of the training are:

- To recognise what sensory circuits are.
- To understand when to use sensory circuits.
- To establish who would benefit from use of sensory circuits.

09:15 - 09:45 Session please register here-

[HAT Lite Bite Sensory Circuits 8th May 2024, 09:15am Tickets, Wed 8 May 2024 at 09:15 | Eventbrite](#)

10:45 – 11:15 Session please register here-

[HAT Lite Bite Sensory Circuits 8th May 2024, 10:45am Tickets, Wed 8 May 2024 at 10:45 | Eventbrite](#)

*Suitable for practitioners working with children of any age where these interventions are developmentally appropriate.*

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## Hertfordshire Autism Training



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These training workshops all take place online.  
Please book spaces using links listed below.



## **Personalised Reasonable Adjustments Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 24 09.30 – 11.30**

- To understand the law in relation to reasonable adjustment and why they are an important part of school provision
- To know when a reasonable adjustment is required and the graduated response to this
- To consider reasonable adjustments that can be made to meet an individual's needs

To book please visit:

[HAT Personalised Reasonable Adjustments Workshop, 1st May 2024, 09:30am](#)  
[Tickets, Wed 1 May 2024 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

## **Autism & understanding Behaviours Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 24 09.30-11.30**

- To understand how autism impacts the way a CYP process and responds
- To better understand behaviour as communication and the purpose of behaviour for the individual child
- To be equipped with strategies and tools to analyse behaviour in line with the graduated response and work therapeutically to support and manage the need

To book please visit:

[HAT Autism and understanding Behaviour Workshop 9th May 2024, 09:30am](#)  
[Tickets, Thu 9 May 2024 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

[AutismTraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:AutismTraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk)





## Hertfordshire Autism Training



### **Autism & Sensory** **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 24 09.30 -11.30**

- Understand how sensory integration typically develops and how it may impact on those with autism
- To understand how sensory differences may impact on those with autism
- To have a range of strategies and approaches to support children and young people with sensory differences

To book please visit

[HAT Sensory Awareness & Autism Workshop 16th May 2024, 09:30am Tickets, Thu 16 May 2024 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

### **Autism & Brick Skills**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 24 13.30 – 15.00**

- To make social groups motivating for pupils with social communication needs
- To understand why and how to bring structure and visual organisation into social activities.
- To learn how to facilitate a brick skills group

To book please visit

[HAT Autism and Brick Skills Workshop, 16th May 2024, 1:30pm Tickets, Thu 16 May 2024 at 13:30 | Eventbrite](#)

### **Autism & Demand Avoidance**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 24 09.30 – 11.30**

- To develop an understanding of demand avoidance
- To understand and identify anxiety
- To develop helpful strategies and approaches to support CYP with demand avoidant responses

To book please visit

[HAT Autism and Demand Avoidance Workshop 22nd May 2024 09:30am Tickets, Wed 22 May 2024 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

[AutismTraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:AutismTraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk)



## Hertfordshire Autism Training



### **Autism & Pupil Voice**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 24 09.30 -11.00**

- To increase understanding of the spectrum of Autism and the key areas of difference
- To understand why it is important to listen to what children and young people have to say
- To know why Pupil Voice is important for children and young people with Autism
- To develop a range of strategies and approaches to support children and young people with Autism to communicate their views

To book please visit

[HAT Pupil Voice Workshop 4th June 2024, 09:30am Tickets, Tue 4 Jun 2024 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

### **Autism and Anxiety**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 24 09.30 – 11.30**

- To gain fuller understanding of anxiety
- To know how anxiety can affect children and young people with autism
- To provide strategies to support those with anxiety

To book please visit

[HAT Autism & Anxiety Workshop 23rd May 2024, 09:30am Tickets, Thu 23 May 2024 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

### **Autism and Girls**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 09.30 -11.30**

- To increase understanding of autism in girls
- To develop helpful strategies and approaches to support girls with autism

To book please visit

[HAT Autism & Girls Workshop 5th June 2024, 09:30am Tickets, Wed 5 Jun 2024 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

[AutismTraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:AutismTraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk)



## Hertfordshire Autism Training



### Social Stories

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 24 09.30 – 11.30**

- To recognise why Social Stories are a useful tool to support social understanding
- To understand what a Social Story is... and what it is not
- To learn how to write an effective social story

To book please visit

[HAT Social Stories Workshop | 11th June 2024, 09:30am Tickets, Tue 11 Jun 2024 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/7650768711117?aff=oddotcreator)

### Autism & EBNA

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 24 09.30 -11.30**

- What is EBNA and why is it difference for autism those with social communication needs.
- How to identify early signs of EBNA and steps to ensure early intervention.
- How to develop school-wide policy to ensure effective practice.

To book please visit

[HAT Autism and Emotion-based Non-attendance | 10th June 2024, 09:30am Tickets, Mon 10 Jun 2024 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/7650768711117?aff=oddotcreator)

Workshops are suitable for practitioners working with children aged 5 and upwards, with the exception of:

- Personalised Reasonable Adjustments open to all settings
- Social Stories suitable to practitioners working with children aged 7 and upwards
- Demand Avoidance suitable for practitioners working with children aged 7 and upwards
- Autism and EBNA suitable for practitioners working with children aged 9 and upwards

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## Hertfordshire Autism Training: Early Years



# Hertfordshire Autism Training



## SLCA Early Years Autism Training for St. Albans & Dacorum DSPL 7 & 8

### The aims of the training are:

- To develop increased understanding and awareness of autism & social communication needs
- To explore strategies to support learning & development
- To enhance good practice across Early Years settings
- To ensure effective support for Early Years children across all settings

You have the choice of a full days training Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 between 10:00-2.30 to register for a space please use

[HAT SLCA Early Years Autism Training for St Albans & Dacorum DSPL 7 & 8 Tickets, Tue 7 May 2024 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Or attend 2 online, twilight training sessions. You need to attend both sessions on 22<sup>nd</sup> May & 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (Wednesdays) between 3.30-5pm to register please use

[HAT SLCA Early Years Autism Twilight Training for South & West Herts Tickets, Wed 22 May 2024 at 15:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Suitable for practitioners working with children in PVI and EY settings, infant schools on agreement.

[AutismTraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:AutismTraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk)



## Hertfordshire Autism Training: Early Years



# Hertfordshire Autism Training



## Free Training For Early Career Teachers

This training is whole day and in person at Hertfordshire Development Centre in Stevenage, please register for a space using the link below to your preferred date.

### Level 2: Autism in Schools

The aims of the training are:

- To dispel myths and to challenge stereotypes.
- To develop a deeper understanding of Autism.
- To better understand the day-to-day experience of those with Autism.
- To be equipped with tools to support.



31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, please register at -

[HAT ECT Level 2 Autism in Schools Tickets, Wed 31 Jan 2024 at 09:00 | Eventbrite](#)

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024, please register at -

[HAT ECT Level 2 Autism in Schools - 23rd May 2024 Tickets, Thu 23 May 2024 at 09:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Suitable for those teaching in primary or secondary in mainstream,  
Educational Support Centres or special schools

[AutismTraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:AutismTraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk)



## Children & Young Peoples Speech & Language Therapy Services

Website link:

[speech and language therapy, speech, language, Children's speech and language therapy, speech therapy, SALT, SLT | Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust \(hct.nhs.uk\)](https://www.hct.nhs.uk/speech-and-language-therapy)



Please scan the QR code or use this link: [speech and language therapy, speech, language, Children's speech and language therapy, speech therapy, SALT, SLT | Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust \(hct.nhs.uk\)](https://www.hct.nhs.uk/speech-and-language-therapy) to find out more information and to book on.

## Children & Young Peoples Therapies Digital Referral Process

Website link: [Home | Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust \(hct.nhs.uk\)](https://www.hct.nhs.uk)

### Children & Young Peoples Therapies Digital Referral Process

#### What is changing?

Starting on the 4th of March 2024, HCT will launch the updated digital referral forms. These changes have been made to help improve patient experience by providing easier access to services and streamlining the overall process.

CYPT services includes Childrens Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy & Speech, and Language Therapy. The digital referral form route is accessible by an online link to be used by the appropriate referrer including Schools, Parents/Carers, Self-referrals, GP's, and Health Care Professionals.

#### What does this mean for referrers?

Patients, parents/carers, schools, and other appropriate referrers can refer into CYPT services using the new Digital Referral Forms which can be found on the HCT website [www.hct.nhs.uk](https://www.hct.nhs.uk)

Referrers can continue to contact the Childrens Referral hub if they have any queries or experience any issues: 01923 470680 Option 2 or [hct.cypspecialistservices@nhs.net](mailto:hct.cypspecialistservices@nhs.net)

NB: CYPT will no longer accept handwritten paper referrals. Any referrals sent using this format will be returned with a request to use the digital referral route.



## Educational Psychology Service Training 2024

To express an interest, please email with your name and school to:

DSPL 8: [libby.viner@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:libby.viner@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

# Educational Psychology Service Training 2024

Educational  
Psychology  
Service



The training session will be led by the Assistant Educational Psychologists, and is open to a maximum of **2 members of staff per school** (e.g., 1 Teaching Assistant, 1 SENCo). Training will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact us if you are interested in this session **by Thursday 28th March, 2024**.



### Comic Strip Conversations




Comic Strip Conversations provide insight into an individual's perspective of a situation and are used to visually 'work through' a problematic situation and identify solutions. They incorporate the use of simple line drawings, which offer additional support to individuals who struggle to comprehend a conversation or situation.

### These can be used to:

- Report the past
- Describe the present
- Plan the future
- Explore emotions and feelings about situations



To express an interest, please email with your  
name and school to:

 **DSPL 8:** [libby.viner@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:libby.viner@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

### DSPL 8:



24th April 2024



10am-12pm



Hobbs Hill Wood School  
Peascroft Road  
Hemel Hempstead  
HP3 8ER



## First Steps ED

First Steps ED hold regular bitesize training for educators, **which are free to access and** are repeated roughly bi monthly via the Eventbrite link below:

[Discover First Steps Ed Events & Activities Online | Eventbrite](#)

## Empower

Hemel Hempstead course starting in April.

For further information contact [empower@watfordfc.com](mailto:empower@watfordfc.com) | 01923 496 000



**WatfordFC wellbeing** **EMPOWER**

**FREE**

# Empower

*Delivered across Hertfordshire*

A free 6 month after-school programme which helps young people aged 9–12 improve mental wellbeing through physical activity.

### The Phases of Empower



THE DEVELOPMENT PHASE  
12 X WEEKLY SESSIONS

Exploring emotions



THE MAINTENANCE PHASE  
6 X WEEKLY SESSIONS

Implementing coping strategies



THE REFLECTION PHASE  
6 X WEEKLY SESSIONS

Reflecting on learnings

Each session is 90 minutes and consists of 60 minutes of physical activity and a 30 minute wellbeing workshop.

*"The course allowed for my child to learn to communicate better and share their feelings in a more productive way."*

*"We had regular updates about how well the children were doing, with tools to assist adults in many situations, too."*

For further information contact [empower@watfordfc.com](mailto:empower@watfordfc.com) | 01923 496 000





## SEND Quality Assurance and Audit Activity

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#### Annual Review Audits

**We are looking for volunteers from each DSPL, 1 Primary School, 1 Secondary School and any interested Special Schools with Annual Reviews scheduled for the end of summer term.**

We are undertaking new audits which look comprehensively at the entire Annual Review Process. This involves auditing all stages of the process; pre, during and post Annual Review Meeting.

The Annual Review process is the responsibility of the Local Authority, however as you will know, the Local Authority delegates the responsibility of the Annual Review Meeting to schools and education settings. We are therefore looking for your support for a specific section of this audit: gaining feedback from the child/young person and parent/carer within the meeting itself.

We want to celebrate the excellent practice across our schools and settings. We know that high quality child and family centred reviews are taking place across our local area and we want to capture that.

#### How will this work?

- ❖ To capture this feedback, a survey link will be sent to schools / settings ahead of the Annual Review meeting. The aim is for schools / settings to provide this link to parents / carers at the end of the Annual Review meeting to ascertain their feedback.
- ❖ In addition, schools / settings will support the child/young person following the Annual Review meeting to complete a short survey to capture their views and feelings.
- ❖ Each link sent to the school / setting from Hertfordshire LA corresponds to an individual child/young person, consequently the same link cannot be utilised to gain feedback from more than one Annual Review meeting.
- ❖ The survey's take less than 5 minutes to complete. It is a multiple-choice survey containing six questions and there are 3 types of survey; younger child, older child and a parent / carer survey.
- ❖ The individual responding to the questions does not have to input any identifiable details (e.g. name).

The fundamental purpose of these audits is to drive service improvement, and the process is designed to identify areas of development and inform further training. Having said that we appreciate there may be some further questions around the prospect of auditing, and if you would benefit from a 1 to 1 discussion, please email [policyandpractice@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:policyandpractice@hertfordshire.gov.uk) with your comments.

## Local High Needs Funding Panel dates 2023-24

The dates below are for the LHNF panel dates for 2023-24 and application submission dates:

Day	Date	Time	Papers due
Thursday	09/05/2024	10:00	25/04/2024
Wednesday	12/06/2024	10:00	22/05/2024
Tuesday	02/07/2024	10:00	18/06/2024

\*Please note\* There are no LHNF panels in December & April

Please email password protected application forms to [dspl8lhnfpanel@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dspl8lhnfpanel@kls.herts.sch.uk)



## ISL SEND Duty and SEND Advice Lines

### Statutory SEND Contacts

**SEND Resolution team contact email;** [SENDResolutions@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:SENDResolutions@hertfordshire.gov.uk) (all emails will be auto-forward)

**Assessment and custom care** [ehcneedsassessment@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:ehcneedsassessment@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

**Review provision, outcomes and placement:**

East Hertfordshire: [annualrevieweast@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:annualrevieweast@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

West Hertfordshire: [annualreviewswest@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:annualreviewswest@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

**General EHCP queries:** [ehcp@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:ehcp@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

**All Teams can be contact on: 01442 453300**

**9am – 5.30pm Monday - Thursday and 9am – 4.30pm Fridays**

### Ask SALI

Telephone: 01438 843 310 8:30am – 5pm from Monday to Friday.

SENCOs can also contact the team via email at [AskSALI@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:AskSALI@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

### Other ISL Contacts

What	When	How
ISL East Herts, Broxbourne, Welwyn and Hatfield	Monday – Friday: 9am – 5pm	<a href="mailto:EHBROX.ISLTEAM@hertfordshire.gov.uk">EHBROX.ISLTEAM@hertfordshire.gov.uk</a>
ISL North Herts and Stevenage	Monday – Friday: 9am – 5pm	<a href="mailto:NHSTEV.ISLTEAM@hertfordshire.gov.uk">NHSTEV.ISLTEAM@hertfordshire.gov.uk</a>
ISL Watford, Three Rivers and Hertsmere	Monday – Friday: 9am – 5pm	<a href="mailto:WAT3RIV.ISLTEAM@hertfordshire.gov.uk">WAT3RIV.ISLTEAM@hertfordshire.gov.uk</a>
ISL St Albans and Dacorum	Monday – Friday: 9am – 5pm	<a href="mailto:STADAC.ISLTEAM@hertfordshire.gov.uk">STADAC.ISLTEAM@hertfordshire.gov.uk</a>
East Attendance Duty Team (schools only)	Monday – Friday: 9.30am – 4pm	01992 555 261
West Attendance Duty Team (schools only)	Monday – Friday: 9.30am – 4pm	01442 454 778
<b>SEND Specialist Advice and Support Services (term time only)</b>		
Speech, Language, Communication and Autism needs	Tuesday and Wednesday: 1.30pm – 4pm	01442 453 920
Early Years	Wednesday: 9.00am – 12pm Thursday: 1.30pm – 4pm	01442 453 920
Physical and Neurological Impairment	Monday: 1.30pm – 4pm	01442 453 920

