

F.A.O. All City & South Division Headteachers

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Dear Colleague

Educational Psychology Support for Clusters and Schools from September 2012 to July 2013

I write further to my letters of July 2011 and May 2012, and to the presentations at Area Head teacher meetings this term, about EPSS support for clusters and schools during 2012 - 2013.

As you know, we aim to continue to work in partnership with schools and settings to help raise standards for children, help children with complex needs, and support schools and settings. To achieve this, we have developed an amended model of service delivery for the year 2012 - 2013. This has three main themes:

- Support for schools and settings through the 'Core Offer'
- Addressing Local Authority statutory and priority activities
- Providing a wide range of specialist support through traded services.

More information about traded services will be made available later in the summer. In this letter I want to outline the services available to schools and settings through the Core Offer, and give details of the professionals who will be supporting you and the children you educate during the coming year.

Under the Core Offer, clusters can seek support for both their development and operations from a Children's Education Support Team (CEST), comprised of an Educational Psychologist and an Advisory Learning Support Teacher. At the school level, schools have some time allocated to them by an Advisory Learning Support Teacher (ALST) to support their work. This work will be based on regular School Consultation and Planning Meetings (SCPM).

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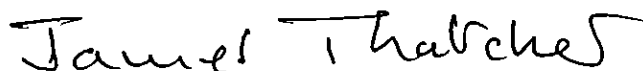
In these ways we aim to continue to work collaboratively with schools to support children with special and/or additional needs and help raise standards generally. Clusters and schools may wish to augment the support they access from EPSS by purchasing additional and/or more specialist services.

I am pleased to attach details of EPSS staff who will support City and South Division schools and settings over the next year. Most of you will already have a School Consultation and Planning meeting arranged for the autumn term. Where that isn't the case, we will be in contact with you soon. Please contact us with dates of cluster meetings and both the Educational Psychologist and Advisory Learning Support Teacher will endeavour to join the meeting to discuss our potential contribution.

I trust this is helpful information and look forward to our continued collaborative working in the interests of children, and schools and settings.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours sincerely



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