

How can we be contacted?

Specific information can be obtained through the Divisional Senior Educational Psychologist or the Divisional Senior Advisory Learning Support Teacher.

You can also find more information from your cluster's **Children's Education Support Team (formerly SST)**.

We invite our potential partners to register an expression of interest with EPSS, in order to assist future professional resources planning.

Expressions of interests, as well and any other discussion, can be made through EPSS members currently available in your school / cluster or through contacting us using the details above.

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Children's Services

City & South Division

Educational Psychology & Specialist Support

Local Authority SEN Core Offer

2013 - 2014



Educational Psychology and Specialist Support (EPSS)

EPSS offers a comprehensive range of specialist activities which are directly commissioned by Norfolk Local Authority, generally known as the **Local Authority SEN Core offer**.

In this area, EPSS offer comprises the services below:

- **Consultations**
- **Statutory services**
- **Targeted services**

The **consultations** within EPSS are offered to educational settings, as follows:

- Termly consultation meetings with clusters, attended by one EPSS professional
- Email consultations throughout the year
- Telephone consultations with an EPSS professional
- Prioritised consultations with Advisory Learning Support Teacher (until the end of 2012/2013 school year)

These activities aim to provide an early intervention and prevention service for learners, schools and cluster of schools, through consultative, capacity building services.

The **statutory services** within EPSS are directed by the Norfolk Local Authority and they comprise:

- Statutory Assessments that arise from the decisions made by the Early Years and Special Educational Needs Panel
- Professional input at Early Years and Special Educational Needs Panel and SRB Panel
- Statutory Reviews where there are serious questions regarding:
 - Educational provision for a child
 - Transition to a school / setting
 - Boarding options
- Expert witness input to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal.

The EPSS delivery of statutory services could be informed by an education setting or professional team. Nonetheless, it is the Local Authority's direction that the EPSS team will follow when becoming involved in statutory services.

The **targeted services** comprise EPSS professional specialist service for vulnerable groups of children, following Norfolk County Council's priorities.

These services include:

- Monitoring learners' education, wellbeing and safeguarding, for those placed at independent special schools
- Targeted interventions, e.g.
 - Cognitive Behavioural Intervention
 - Solution Focused Intervention
 - Therapeutic Storywriting
 - Relaxation Programme
 - Specialist teaching
 - ASD intervention
- Multi-disciplinary collaboration for vulnerable pupils (e.g. LAC, NEET).

The service can be accessed via specific routes by Children's Services teams, following an intervention or as directed by the commissioners.

Information regarding enhanced services offered by EPSS at extra cost is contained in the EPSS **Guide to Traded Services in Educational Settings** leaflet.