

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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Educational Psychology & Specialist Support

Guide to Traded Services in Educational Settings

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Educational Psychology and Specialist Support (EPSS)

The following packages are offered by EPSS:

Enhanced Core Offer

This package is most suited to school clusters or other groups of schools. It involves purchasing a specific amount of an Educational Psychologist or Advisory Support Teacher time over a school year (i.e. one day a week or multiples of this amount), in order to support specific work within a cluster.

The activities within this package could include, but are not be limited to:

- Regular mini-consultation meetings with schools within the cluster
- Systemic work at schools and/or cluster level
- Professional input at cluster meetings
- Individual casework as negotiated with clusters

The benefits of the Enhanced Core Offer are:

- A dedicated member of staff to maximize the opportunities arising from consistent professional relationships,
- The ability to plan activities on a long-term basis according to cluster/school needs
- The ability to prioritise the use of time across the cluster, according to need

Block Purchase

This package, suited for individual schools, involves purchasing a specific number of days from EPSS, over a year. This time is not necessarily tied to any individual professional and therefore the nominated lead professional is able to tailor EPSS provision to most appropriately meet needs.

Depending on the needs of your school, activities available for purchase are chosen from the EPSS Professional Support Menu attached.

The benefits of Block Purchase are:

- A dedicated member acting as key contact
- Access to particular expertise within EPSS multi-disciplinary team when needed
- The ability to contract for a varied amount of days per year (with a minimum of 2.5)
- The flexibility to use the contracted time in individual sessions

Bespoke Packages

EPSS Bespoke Packages have the unique benefit of being tailored to your individual needs and are generally intended to address systemic issues rather than individual casework. They consist of discrete groups of sessions offered to help address particular themed difficulties within clusters or schools (perhaps ahead of or following Ofsted inspection).

Depending on your needs, some bespoke packages could be delivered in partnership with other teams within Norfolk County Council, health professionals and / or voluntary organisations, as appropriate.

Examples of bespoke packages are below:

- Addressing mental health needs
- Raising achievement for pupils with Specific Learning Difficulties
- Addressing bullying issues

Direct Hire

Direct Hire is designed for clients requiring a highly personalised service outside the formal framework of a cluster package.

Through the Direct Hire package, you can purchase a percentage of time from a particular EPSS staff member (i.e. Educational Psychologist, Advisory Learning Support Teacher, Specialist Teaching Assistant, or EPSS Social Worker), for a specified period.

In this package, the activities provided are chosen by your school from within the competencies of a particular professional.

The benefits of Direct Hire are:

- It allows the client to build on an existing cluster package
- It offers a school the opportunity to purchase personalised provision when no cluster package exists