Norfolk Psychological Service

Education Co-ordinators

Education Co-ordinators are qualified and experienced teachers who work within the Psychological Service. They work with children and young people who are looked after by the local authority in foster homes, children's homes and in their own homes.

Education Co-ordinators work as part of the multi-disciplinary Psychological Service to support and co-ordinate educational provision for children and young people who are looked after by the local authority.

Education Co-ordinators work closely with Social Workers, Residential Social Workers, Schools, Educational Psychologists and Specialist Support Teachers to promote the educational achievement of and opportunities for children and young people looked after. Educational Co-ordinators work closely with professionals in all agencies working with children and young people.

The Role of the Education Co-ordinator includes:

- Promoting and supporting high expectations of the educational achievement of children and young people who are looked after
- Negotiating education placements and ensuring education for those in our care who are out of school
- Monitoring the educational progress of those looked after
- Supporting Personal Education Plans
- Advising children, young people and professionals about education issues
- Supporting schools and other education providers in working with children and young people looked after
- Support and Training for Designated Teachers for children looked after via Designated Teacher Forums
- Supporting carers' and parents' involvement in Education
- Short-term specialist teaching and support as appropriate

Education Co-ordinators can also offer professional advice and consultation to colleagues in Education and Social Services to promote greater understanding and co-working between the agencies.

Education Co-ordinators are based in Norfolk Psychological Service bases and work closely with Social Services and schools in the area.

Referrals to Education Co-ordinators can be made directly by Social Workers, Schools or other professionals working with children and young people who are looked after.

Consent from those with parental responsibility must be obtained before the referral is made.

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