

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

GROUP CONSULTATION OFFER FOR LANCASHIRE VIRTUAL SCHOOL LEARNERS

PURPOSE

This offer is for Lancashire professionals working with Children in Care, Previously Looked After Children, those in kinship care and children with a Social Worker (CIN/CP).

These sessions will:

- Provide space for CPD and collaborative case discussion.
- Enable schools to present cases for group problem-solving, facilitated by the EP team with support from Virtual School colleagues. All case discussions will be anonymised to maintain confidentiality.
- Co-produce next steps with SENDCos and EPs.
- Promote inclusivity by valuing all expertise, encouraging peer support, and supporting continuous professional development.
- Create anonymised record of outcomes for each session, share them with schools, and arrange follow-up sessions as needed. Areas for discussion may include SEMH needs, early intervention to support challenging or distressed behaviour, and systemic approaches to meeting the needs of Virtual School learners.

FORMAT AND DELIVERY

- Schools are grouped by educational phase (EY, Primary, Secondary, Post-16) to enable peer support and systemic problem-solving.
- Sessions are virtual (MS Teams), last around 2 hours, and run half-termly.
- Booking is via an online system. Places can be booked either for a case/problem presenter or as a group participant.
- Each session is led by up to four EPs, supported by Assistant EPs.

PSYCHOLOGICAL PROCESSES

Solutions Circles

- A structured, time-bound process (usually 25 mins) for collaborative problem-solving. The group supports a 'problem presenter' (e.g., a designated teacher or SENCo) to explore an issue and generate actionable solutions.

Insight & Reflecting Teams

- Process which provides space for deeper reflection. Group members observe, share insights, and offer alternative perspectives to deepen understanding and foster innovation.

DATES

Spring term 2: Book your slot for upcoming sessions now via the links below:

[Early Years/ KS1 - Tuesday 24 March \(09:30 to 11:30\).](#)

[Primary \(KS2\) - Wednesday 25 March \(13:30 to 15:30\).](#)

[Secondary/ KS5 - Thursday 26 March \(09:30 to 11:30\).](#)

