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## DSPL 9 Weekly Newsletter 2

25.09.24



### DSPL 9 SENCo Forum/HFL SEND Briefing

We have a limited amount of spaces available for local SENCos to attend the autumn term DSPL 9/HFL SEND Forum.

#### Autumn Term Details:

Date: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Time: 1-4pm

Venue: The Grange Academy, London Rd, Bushey WD23 3AA

Please be reminded that by signing up you are agreeing to attend both the HFL SEND briefing and the DSPL 9 SENCo updates.

<https://buytickets.at/dspl9/1324203>

**This event is funded by DSPL9 and as a result, any 'no shows' (without sufficient notice to enable the place to be given to a colleague on the waiting list) will be charged at £22.00.**

**Should you need to cancel your place this must be done by emailing [admin@dsplarea9.org.uk](mailto:admin@dsplarea9.org.uk). Please not cancel or change your booking via any other means. This is to ensure the place can be made available to waiting DSPL9 colleagues.**

### DSPL 9 EBSA Support Package Relaunch



Thank you to those colleagues who joined us for the DSPL 9 EBSA Support Package Relaunch.

To access the up to date DSPL 9 EBSA Support Guidance which contains all information at each tier of support please click [here](#).

Any questions around the support available please contact [gemmahall@dsplarea9.org.uk](mailto:gemmahall@dsplarea9.org.uk)



### DSPL 9 EHCCOs in Review

#### Primary Schools:

Sarah Cowell – WD19,23,24,25 and Colnbrook

Rhiannon Strachan – WD3, 4, 5, 7

Emma Bayliss (taken over Lynsay’s caseload) WD17, 18, 19, 23 and Breakspeare.

#### Secondary Schools:

Lynsay Sandford – moved to secondary schools and kept Central Primary School

Garston Manor School

Parmiter's School

The Reach Free School

Paige Fryer

Rickmansworth School

Saint Joan of Arc Catholic School

St Clement Danes School

Watford Grammar School for Boys

Watford Grammar School for Girls

Westfield Academy

Croxley Danes School

Meadow Wood

Ashleigh Sullivan:

Bushey Meads School

Falconer School

Future Academies Watford

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Valuing SEND

### DSPL 9 In person VSEND Setting Readiness/CYP Profile Workshops

This academic year, DSPL 9 will be offering termly sessions to enable SENCOs to look at and develop the setting readiness and CYP profile sections of the VSEND tool. It is intended that this dedicated time and having the access to support, will enable SENCOs to feel more confident in using the tool for a greater number of CYP with SEND in their school/setting.

This session will be an opportunity to come together and:

- complete or review your school or settings setting readiness
- complete the CYP profile for an individual child
- develop your confidence in using the tool to support CYP with SEND
- speak to local SENCOs about how they are using the tool
- ask Katy Alexander (SENDIAGO/VSEND Lead) any questions regarding the VSEND tool

Date	Time	Venue	Booking Link
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	9.30-11am	The Green Room, Bournehall Primary School, Bournehall Ave, WD23 3AX	<a href="https://buytickets.at/dspl9/1392859">https://buytickets.at/dspl9/1392859</a> (Please identify the date you wish to attend once clicking on the link)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30-11am	The Green Room, Bournehall Primary School, Bournehall Ave, WD23 3AX	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	1-2.30pm	The Green Room, Bournehall Primary School, Bournehall Ave, WD23 3AX	

Places are limited so please book early as not to avoid disappointment.



### DSPL 9 SENCo Surgeries September/October Dates

Please feel free to drop in to any of the SENCo surgeries over the next two months using the links below. These sessions will be attended by Gemma Hall and Mandy Brandon who will be on standby to support you and answer any queries or questions you have:

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024**  
8-8.30am

**Microsoft Teams** [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 375 453 527 693  
Passcode: UvstyV

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024**  
8-8.30am

**Microsoft Teams** [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 313 539 581 396  
Passcode: JhSkxp

### DSPL 9 SENCo Solution Circles September/October Dates

These will run between 4-5pm and will enable a maximum of 3 SENCos to attend, share a current situation (individual CYP: unnamed) and seek advice, support and signposting. To book a place on a solution circle please click on the links below:

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 4-5pm:  
<https://buytickets.at/dspl9/1294258>

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 4-5pm  
<https://buytickets.at/dspl9/1294258>

**Understanding  
Calculation  
And  
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**Cognition and learning team training opportunities**

To support staff with their new classes we are delivering a repeat of two very popular courses:

- UCAN 2
- Forwards with Phonics

These are face to face sessions devised and delivered by the Cognition and Learning Team (formerly SpLD). Both courses provide training in an evidence-based intervention to support learners experiencing difficulties. In addition to the training session we offer a full resource pack which is sent out to attendees following training. This provides the resources needed to implement the intervention.

Flyers with full details are attached for your consideration and the booking has opened.



**SEND**  
**0-25 years**  
Hertfordshire's Local Offer  
**SEND Festival of Practice**

The SEND Festival of Practice is running from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024, and the theme of the festival is “The Voice of the Child/Young Person”. Designed for practitioners from HCC, schools settings & alternative provisions, and Health Services, this festival is a learning/celebratory showcase event that shows off some of the great work going on across the SEND Partnership, with different impactful guest speakers and representation from multiple agencies. We are holding an in-person launch event at the Hertfordshire Development Centre on the 8<sup>th</sup> October (book a place via EventBrite [here](#)) and then following it with a variety of webinars and information sessions held virtually across the rest of the week before concluding on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October with a virtual closing event.

Practitioners can use this Local Offer webpage ([www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/SENDFoP](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/SENDFoP)) to access the Eventbrite page for the launch event, as well as download calendar holds for the webinars and closing event directly into their Outlook Calendars. **Please note the sessions and events of this festival are intended for Hertfordshire practitioners only and should not be shared with families, children or the wider public.**

Ahead of the Launch event, we're also encouraging all practitioners to complete this quick survey, the answers of which will feed directly into a word-storm for use during one of the presentations: <https://forms.gle/GgrDmVddfSiDox1t9>

As part of this festival, we are holding an **art competition for children and young people of Hertfordshire with SEND** to participate in. We are encouraging those aged 0 to 25 who live in Hertfordshire and have special educational needs to submit a painting, drawing or any other type of art to us at [policyandpractice@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:policyandpractice@hertfordshire.gov.uk). The artwork should depict how that child/young person prefers to communicate with others, and have others communicate with them.

Entries that are sent to us by the **deadline of the 27<sup>th</sup> September** will have a chance to be displayed at our festival launch event, where Hertfordshire SEND practitioners will view and vote for their favourite piece. The winners will be announced at the festival closing event, and **the prize will be an art therapy session with CathARTic.**

Further information around the competition can be found in the link below, where you can also download the contest flyer. To ensure this contest reaches as many children and young people in Hertfordshire as possible, we would be truly grateful if you are able to share the flyer through your respective channels and encourage children and young people to participate for the chance to win:

<https://thegrid.org.uk/news/my-voice-in-art-hertfordshire-county-council-art-contest>

Please see attached flyer for further details.



### **ADHD Training: Autumn 2024**

Fully funded ADD-Vance training for school dates have been confirmed for the autumn term:

- Tuesday 22nd October – Understanding ADHD – Primary Schools
- Thursday 24th October – Understanding ADHD – Secondary Schools
- Wednesday 6th November – Challenging Behaviours
- Monday 11th November – Managing Transitions
- Wednesday 20th November – Supporting Sensory Differences

This is more than likely to be the last round of fully funded training available from ADD-Vance so please take advantage of these opportunities.

All information including how to book can be found on the attached flyers.

## Improving access, outcome & experience for children & young people Survey

To support us to understand, identify and reduce Health Inequalities experienced by children and young people accessing mental health services in Hertfordshire, please could you share this link with CYP and their families/carers and encourage them to complete this shortened survey (which should now only take 1 or 2 minutes to complete) by the end of September.



<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/A8MP1Q/>



The Emotional Mental Wellbeing in Education Team are offering funded training programmes to support school-based professionals and parents/carers to improve the mental health and wellbeing of pupils aged 8-18. All MHFA Training is facilitated by an approved MHFA Trainer.

The training which is currently on offer is:

- MHFA 1 day Champion Course for school professionals
- MHFA 2 day First Aider Course for school professionals
- MHFA 1 day Champion Course for parents/carers of Hertfordshire school children

MHFA Champion Course- provides an understanding of common mental health issues and how they affect young people. The ability to spot signs of mental ill health in young people and guide them to a place of support along with knowledge and confidence and skills to support positive wellbeing.

MHFA First Aider Course- this course works on the basis that there is a role in our communities for mental health first aiders – people that feel confident to go to someone experiencing emotional distress, provide initial help and guide them towards more specialist support.

For more information on the courses, locations of the training and the dates available please see attached posters.

Please do share the information with your parents/carers and colleagues for bookings.

For ease the parent/carer booking link is: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mental-health-first-aid-mhfa-1-day-course-for-parents-carers-tickets-679261578667?aff=oddtcreator>

## HCT Children's Wellbeing Practitioners

The CWP's deliver several emotional wellbeing workshops throughout the year targeted at parents/carers and young people. These workshops are currently being delivered virtually via Microsoft Teams and a referral into the service is not required to access workshops.

Examples of the workshops on offer are:

- Child emotional wellbeing and regulation
- Emotional wellbeing for adolescents
- Child sleep difficulties
- Adolescent sleep difficulties
- Child self-esteem
- Adolescent self-esteem
- School transitions
- Exam stress

Please see attached flyer for more information or visit the link below to register for the sessions: [HCT Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Events - 17 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

# Colnbrook School Outreach Service



## Colnbrook Outreach Service- *how we can support you*

Join us to find out about the support offered  
by the Outreach Service.

Date: 17th October 2024

Time: 3.45-4.45

Venue: Colnbrook School,  
WD19 7UX

Audience: New SENCOs or anyone  
who wants to find out more  
about how the Outreach  
Service runs.

To book a space please email Clare:  
cslack@colnbrook.herts.sch.uk



Two short EHC Needs Assessment Training sessions are to be delivered this half term by the Hertfordshire SEND academy legal team. These sessions will provide updates around the caselaw in the EHC Needs Assessment Process.

The sessions are taking place on:

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 4-5pm [Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 321 877 263 763 Passcode: T7q3L5

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 11-12pm [Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 321 877 263 763 Passcode: T7q3L5

Please note both sessions contain the same information so you only need attend one of the dates.

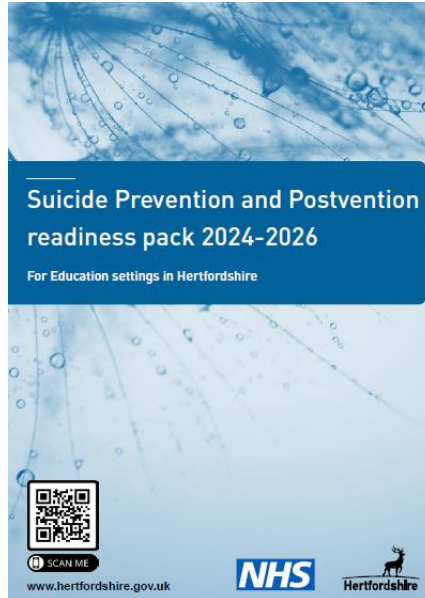


Please click [here](#) to access the September 2024 CYPMHS newsletter.

**Suicide Prevention and Postvention readiness pack 2024-2026**  
**For education settings in Hertfordshire**

This pack has been developed in partnership with Children and Young People (CYP) Mental Health Services, and system professionals to provide education settings in Hertfordshire with information and resources required to support the wellbeing of any member of the school community, students, and staff in the event of suicide attempts and deaths by suicide.

This pack is accompanied by the [Hertfordshire Suicide Aware Prevention](#) Intervention and postvention Charter document and Suicide Aware Prevention and [Postvention Policy guidance](#).



Please find the document attached to the email.

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Join our **FREE**, 12-week healthy lifestyle programme to help your family build habits around food and physical activity. Our in-person group sessions start on:

**Date:** Wednesday 25 Sept 2024    **Time:** 17:30 - 19:30

**Venue:** Leavesden Green Community Hub, Watford, WD25 0BW

Or you can join us online!

Sign up for your  
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