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## DSPL 9 Weekly Newsletter 6

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### DSPL 9 Good Practice Sharing Event: Assessing CYP with SEND



Thank you to all those SENCOs who joined us last week at the Assessing CYP with SEND Good Practice Sharing Event. The information, examples and discussions around assessments were incredibly useful and provided all those in attendance with additional avenues to explore. Thank you also to HFL and the wonderful SENCOs from Malvern Way, Field Infants and Abbots Langley for presenting and sharing the types of assessment they use.

As mentioned in previous emails, DSPL 9 would like to create a live google spreadsheet for all local SENCOs to have access to. The intention is that this is a live directory of assessments for all SENCOs across the local area when considering how best to assess a child.

In order for this to be as valuable as possible, please can I ask that if you haven't done so already that you use the link below to add information of the current assessment tools you use by **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**. Following this deadline the spreadsheet will be shared across DSPL 9.

<https://forms.gle/2AU7foK1pQ9ShQzM7>

Please support us in the development of this tool.

*See you there!*

### DSPL9/HFL SENCo Forum

The autumn term SENCo forum for schools will be taking place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 1-4pm at The Grange Academy, London Rd, Bushey WD23 3AA.

All spaces have now been filled with a waitlist also running.

The event will provide local SENCOs with SEND updates nationally and locally including information from SWHP, Primary Behaviour Partnership and our Speech and Language Education Leads.

**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 SENCo Surgeries: December 2024

Myself and Mandy Brandon will be available on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December from 8-8.30am to answer any questions of queries that you may have. Please use the links below to access these opportunities:

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
<p><b>Microsoft Teams</b> <a href="#">Need help?</a> <b><u>Join the meeting now</u></b> Meeting ID: 341 742 691 601 Passcode: T422rv</p>	<p><b>Microsoft Teams</b> <a href="#">Need help?</a> <b><u>Join the meeting now</u></b> Meeting ID: 392 466 250 812 Passcode: UVTDT3</p>

Solution circles are also available on the above dates from 4-5pm. Please use the links below if you would like to book on:

3<sup>rd</sup> December: <https://buytickets.at/dspl9/1294258>

17<sup>th</sup> December: <https://buytickets.at/dspl9/1294258>



### Curiosity Approach Training Session

Erica Taylor from the SLCA EYs team has kindly offered to extend an invite to access Curiosity Approach training across DSPL 9. The training will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January from 2.45-3.45pm and can be accessed via the teams link below:

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

**Join the meeting now**

Meeting ID: 316 545 597 084

Passcode: HG3ru2X4



### Hertfordshire ADHD Training

This is free training being delivered to all staff across Hertfordshire maintained schools and settings.

ADHD Level 2 training	
Whole day inset	Free
2 x twilights	Free

Whole School INSET day or 2 x 2 hour twilights on dates of your choice\*\*

NB: Not suitable for Early Years

\*\* Subject to availability of trainers

Please see the attached flyer for all details and how to access this training.



I would like to take this opportunity to raise awareness of fully funded training to support the school workforce and pupils with SEND. Due to the growing needs of schools, we have enhanced our SEND training focused apprenticeships to include Level 3, 5 and 7 programmes.

I have attached the information related to the level 7 and Advanced SEND and the Level 5 Specialist TA and would like to remind you that you can access fully funded training and CPD for your Teaching Assistants through the Level 3 Teaching Assistant Standard with SEND informed Training, all delivered through our Apprenticeship programs. Please see the links:

Level 3 TA with SEND informed Training: [Level 3 Teaching Assistant Classroom Focused \(Employer\)](#)

Level 5 Specialist TA: [Level 5 Specialist Teaching Assistant](#)

Level 7 Advanced SEND Lead: [Advanced SEND Leader Level 7 Senior Leader Apprenticeship](#)

Please can you review the notes below and please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any members of staff to be involved with either our December cohorts or January starts.

We are based in Stevenage , Training is remote, but we are all ex-teachers from across Hertfordshire and we old dearly welcome the opportunity to work with you as partners within our local schools.

### **Level 7 SEND Leader apprenticeship**

This is a unique training package for existing SENCO's and has been developed in collaboration with Educational Psychologists and SEND experts to have whole school impact. This

This apprenticeship will support SENCOs in building strategic skills and transition from operational leaders, to becoming high-impact SENCOs or SEND leaders. Through online learning, live and interactive masterclasses, workshops, case studies, and EP-led discussions, participants will delve into the latest research in SEND and inclusion.

Co-designed with SEND experts from Real Training, upon completion of the programme, participants will be able to demonstrate the [knowledge, skills and behaviours](#) required to successfully achieve a Level 7 Senior Leader qualification, and the ability to implement a comprehensive inclusive vision within their setting.

### **Fully funded using the Apprenticeship Levy**

The good news is that if your school or college is a levy-paying provider then the full training costs for the apprenticeship programme will be covered by the apprenticeship levy. The funding band for this apprenticeship is equivalent to £14,000.

If you're a non-levy employer, 95% of the costs will be covered by the government and your school or college will need to pay 5%. The 5% cost would be £700.

You may be able to seek support with funding the 5% training costs via a process called levy transfer. This can be applied for by your employer, and we will do our best to support your organisation in finding a levy transfer partner.

**We are now recruiting for December and January cohorts.**

**Click here:** [For more information on the Advanced Leader apprenticeship](#)

**Apply here:** <https://learn.esfapprenticeships.co.uk/forms/apply/>

All of our programmes include access to a buffet of specialist SEND Masterclasses to provide much-needed training for our school workforce to ensure that our young people with SEND can access the support they need to flourish.

Please see attached flyer for all information.

Children & Young Peoples Speech & Language Therapy  
Service



Training available to book Spring Term 2025

The flyer features a grid of 11 training courses, each in a colored oval with a laptop icon. A vertical sidebar on the left lists 'Face to face' (with a person at a whiteboard icon) and 'Virtual' (with a laptop icon). A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the grid.

Face to face	Selective Mutism Small Steps programme	Using Language for Thinking	Supporting Bilingual children in school	Intro to Colourful Semantics
Virtual	Storytelling - a Narrative approach	Social Communication in the Early Years	Social Communication for school aged children	Vocabulary development in Primary school
	Developmental Language Disorder (DLD)	Talking with Children	Making language visible	QR Code

Please scan the QR code or use this link:  
[speech and language therapy, speech, language, Children's speech and language therapy, speech therapy, SALT, SLT | Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust \(hct.nhs.uk\)](https://www.hertfordshirecommunitynhs.uk/speech-and-language-therapy)  
to find out more information and to book on.



Updates from the Early Years Speech & Language Therapy Team (at CYPT)

1. **Training Spring 2025**

Please see attached flyer showing the training courses available to Early Years Practitioners next term. The training courses are FREE and bookable via the CYPT website (see flyer). To support attendance, if you are booking a course on behalf of someone else, please ensure you share the booking confirmation details with the person attending the course.

2. **Talking with Children Training**

You will see from the flyer that we are running "Talking With Children" again next term. This course will give you essential top tips and hands on communication strategies to use through play with the children in your settings. There is also a **unique opportunity** to book 2 coaching sessions with a SLT after the training session to further enhance your play and interaction skills. [To book click here](#)

3. **FOLLOW and JOIN webinars**

These FREE 12-15min webinars are on our website and are available for anyone to watch. They are essential viewing for any early years professional. As a reminder:

**FOLLOW:** 6 key strategies to use with children in your setting who need support to develop their language skills. [Watch here](#)

**JOIN:** 4 key strategies to use with children who have social interaction differences. [Watch here](#)

Please use the QR code or see the attached flyers for all information.

## DSPL 9 LHNH deadline Reminder

Please be reminded that there is no LHNH panel in December. The next panel meeting will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January with the deadline being Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Please ensure all LHNH applications are sent via **schoolfx** to [dspl9lhnf@bournehall.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dspl9lhnf@bournehall.herts.sch.uk)

Any colleagues who would like to observe a panel are more than welcome to do so. If you are interested please check the [DSPL 9 website](#) for dates and inform [admin@dsplarea9.org.uk](mailto:admin@dsplarea9.org.uk).



### CYPMHS November Newsletter

There is a range of information in this month's issue including:

- New free physical activity/psychotherapy Empower programme from Watford FC CSE
- Free learning hub from the Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (ACAMH)
- Talk for your health: NHS Talking Therapies emotional support for long term conditions campaign
- Anna Freud newsletter

To access the newsletter please click [here](#).

## IMPOWER

### 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
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	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 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.



**Our 12-week in-person and online programmes  
start on** week commencing 20th January 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>BOREHAMWOOD</b> Aberford Park Community Centre, WD6 1PN 4:30 - 6:30pm	<b>HEMEL HEMPSTEAD</b> Hobletts Manor Junior School HP2 5JS 5:30 - 7:30pm	<b>STEVENAGE</b> Oval Community Centre SG1 5RD 5:00 - 7:00pm	<b>HATFIELD</b> Birchwood Avenue Primary School, AL10 0PS 5:00 - 7:00pm
<b>CHESHUNT</b> Andrews Lane Primary School, EN7 6LB 4:30 - 6:30pm	** NO SESSION **	<b>WATFORD</b> Leavesden Green Community Hub, WD25 0BW 5:30 - 7:30pm	** NO SESSION **


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