**Graduated Approach Briefings**

**November 2021**

**Questions and Answers**

**Whole School SEND, Teaching School HUB & Mental Health Leads Presentations**

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**Local Offer presentation**

**Question:** Could you please confirm that all these services are available for children who attend Lincolnshire schools but live out of county? (NE Lincs)

**Answer:** VSEND and SEND Inclusion toolkit are available to all Lincolnshire schools and settings not based on where child lives. The Local offer and Family Service Directory (FSD) include links to both Lincolnshire and national organisations / services

**Question:** Where will I find the Inclusion Toolkit?

**Answer:** [SEND inclusion toolkit – Professional resources (lincolnshire.gov.uk)](https://professionals.lincolnshire.gov.uk/homepage/55/send-inclusion-toolkit)

**Dyslexia Outreach Presentation**

Contact emails: Helen.Lane@lincolnshire.gov.uk & Odette.Read@lincolnshire.gov.uk

**Working Together Team (TWTT) Presentation**

**Question:** Is the training free for academies?

**Answer:** WTT themed training is free for all mainstream settings (inc. academies). Some AET modules do have a charge, but this is the same for all settings.

**Question:** Please could I have some more information about the Autism Inclusion Mark?

**Answer:** We are currently working on both our website and the AIM4Lincs package to ensure the wording and information is up to date and most relevant. There will be a direct link from the website to all of the AIM resources, including the assessment process information as soon as we go 'live'! We have an 'AIM Cluster group' that meets approx every 2 months too, that everyone is welcome to attend (currently virtual). In these sessions we offer each other support around the AIM process. If you want to talk about it at any time though, please get in touch.

**Question:** Please could you let me know the dates of WTT dates for when the application forms need to be in.

**Answer:** WTT Panel submission dates for 2021/2022. (Referrals can be submitted at any time but these are the 'cut off' points for submission). Panel meets the following week and all are informed of outcomes by the following week. Friday 3rd December 2021, Friday 4th February 2022, Friday 25th March 2022, Friday 20th May 2022. Dates and referral packs are available from our website too (new site coming live soon!) or from your WTT teacher.

**ECLIPS Presentation**

**Question:** Please may you confirm if your training packages are free?

**Answer:** Some are free if we are working in your school but they are a variety of prices. For full details visit our page on Edulincs at [Specialist speech and language training – Lincolnshire County Council](https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/directory-record/63813/specialist-speech-and-language-training) or email ECLIPS@lincolnshire.gov.uk

**Question:** Please could you confirm how we access your team (is it through a speech referral?)

**Answer:** Either through speech and language therapy or your STT teacher. If you're not sure email ECLIPS@lincolnshire.gov.uk

**Question:** Is training from your team only available if you are working with one of our children?

**Answer:** No: we are able to offer training to schools as part of our work even if we are not working with a named child in the school.

**EMTET Presentation**

**Question:** Do you charge to work with individual children?

**Answer:** If you are a maintained school: no charge. If an academy: there is a charge.

**Question:** Is there any additional funding for refugee children?

**Answer:** There is funding available for uniforms etc. Feel free to email me for more information - rebecca.heald@lincolnshire.gov.uk

**Question:** Do you have any advice for students who have just arrived in the UK and cannot speak any English at all.  This is a Chinese student who should be in Y10.  How can we assess and support best what resources could we use?

**Answer:** You can submit a referral through EduLincs or contact emtet@lincolnshire.gov.uk

**Specialist Teaching Team (STT) Presentation**

**Question:** Are schools able to email referrals?

**Answer:** For enquiries about STT referrals, please email: STTEnquiries@lincolnshire.gov.uk However, please do not email confidential pupil data to this in-box unless you can be sure it is encrypted securely. You are able to email your named STT teacher referral forms if you are sending the confidential data securely. If in doubt, ask the STT teacher to email you securely first and then respond directly to that email so that it will remain secure.

**LCHS Children’s Therapies Presentation**

**Question:** Please can you tell us how to find the up-to-date referral forms for SaLT?

**Answer:** SaLT referral forms will be on our new website very soon and we will signpost to this as soon as we can. In the meantime, please email us on LHNT.lincschildrenstherapyservice@nhs.net to request a referral form.

**Question:** Where do we get OT referral forms? Are they on the website?

**Answer:** Give us a call on 01522 309025 and our admin team will log the referral for you.

**Question:** Who can help with Dyspraxia please? We have a child with complex needs SaLT, verbal dyspraxia, hypermobility etc

**Answer:** We are not currently commissioned to provide a full assessment for dyspraxia; however, physiotherapy can carry out an assessment and support around core muscle strength and balance. Please refer to SaLT if you have concerns around a child’s speech so that a thorough assessment can take place.

**Question:**   Is there a way of school finding out what the outcome is around a referral because if parents don’t turn up, they get 'discharged'?

**Answer:** We always send a letter to the referrer if we have no contact from a family and at that point you are welcome to call us with parental consent to book in for them; a new referral isn't needed. You can also always call to check status of a referral in case parents need support to book.

**Virtual School Presentation**

**Question:** Do designated teachers need to be teachers or can they be non-teaching staff?

**Answer:** The statutory guidance states that the named designated teacher should be a qualified teacher but we are aware they are often supported by a number of staff who may not be trained teachers, but work closely with the young people and attend PEPs etc

**Question:** Does the virtual school support children with an SGO?

**Answer:** We can provide general advice, support and signposting for guardians, schools and professionals but don't work directly with the young people. Our key role is around education: other support may be available for families through the post adoption team or through TAC

**Question:**   What about Looked after Children who return to the care of their parents, so don’t have an SGO or adoption order?

**Answer:** Unfortunately, if young people leave care without an adoption order, SGO or child arrangement order, they do not meet the criteria in the statutory guidance as 'previously looked after'. Support may be available through Early Help and the young person may be eligible for Pupil Premium as an Ever6, dependent on their individual circumstances.

**Healthy Minds Presentation**

**Question:** Students with EHCP are eligible for Healthy Minds support up to the age of 25? Is this the case for students attending specialist school provision?

**Answer:**   For children/young people attending specialist schooling provision the Healthy Minds role would be to give advice and signposting to school rather than direct work with the young person

**Question:** How can I find out who our school link practitioner is?

**Answer:** Contact: rebecca.sowerby@nhs.net

**Question:** Is it possible to get a link to the emotional wellbeing pathway website that Healthy Minds shared please?

**Answer:** <http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/emotionalwellbeing>

**Ask SALL Presentation**

**Question:** How can we get involved in the support huddles please?

**Answer:**   If you want to email us on AskSALL@lincolnshire.gov.uk we can then discuss this with you.

**SEST Presentation**

**Question:** Could you, please, give an email contact address?

**Answer:** BS\_SEND@lincolnshire.gov.uk or Carole.Wood@lincolnshire.gov.uk (Senior Teacher)

**BOSS Presentation**

**Question:** Can this be used in early years settings?

**Answer:** BOSS are currently commissioned to work with primary and secondary pupils, our resources are available to all. <https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/lincs-boss/>

**Question:** Is there a charge for Boss training for academies?

**Answer:** No: there is no charge for Lincolnshire schools and academies.

**Question:** How do find out about the Boss Primary Hubs?

**Answer:** Contact the area lead:

North and South Kesteven - Jan Green. Jan.Green@family-action.org.uk

East Lindsey - Donna Brewer. Donna.Brewer@family-action.org.uk

South Holland and Boston - Nicole Gurton. Nicole.Gurton@family-action.org.uk

West Lindsey and Lincoln - Rachel Whipps. Rachel.Whipps@family-action.org.uk

**Question:** Are all training offers live now, please?

**Answer:** All training offers are available: please speak to your Area Lead or BOSS caseworker to arrange.