

# WOLVERHAMPTON EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE UPDATES SEPTEMBER 2025

## EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING ACTION PLAN FOR EDUCATION

We are now in the second year of having an Emotional Health and Wellbeing Action Plan for Education. Key actions that were completed last year include the transition from the Sandwell Wellbeing Charter Mark to ATTUNE, our new development project for schools, and our new Emotional Health and Wellbeing Toolkit

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/1db37ce42d7d447b991fe026bccf0097> . The focus for academic year 2025-26 will be on re-shaping the specialist support offer to respond to needs, further developing the Education Wellbeing Network, improved signposting to evidence based targeted interventions for EHWB in schools, enhanced support for PSHE delivery, and a refreshed workforce training offer for EHWB. Updates will continue to be shared through the Education Wellbeing Network and PHSE Network.

## CONSULTATION MODEL OF SERVICE DELIVERY

Wolverhampton EP Service continues to deliver support through a consultation model of service delivery. This ensures that any work is effectively prioritised and agreed. Parents/carers and school staff have invaluable insight and experience in relation to their children and young people, and so any actions, interventions and support offered from the EP Service, will be identified and agreed jointly. Our time is often spent working with adults who provide support to individual children and young people and will require us having time protected to meet and consult with key staff in school.

## EMOTIONALLY BASED SCHOOL NON-ATTENDANCE (EBSNA) PATHWAY

The EBSNA Pathway can be found here: <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/file/229539/download?token=bUDoOWfw>

- We are running a range of free EBSNA workshops across the year. There are introductory sessions, multi-element support plan writing workshops and new sessions focusing on neurodivergence and EBSNA and working with families.
- Dates, booking and more information here: <https://www.wves.wolverhampton.gov.uk/Page/9487>

## WOLVERHAMPTON INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS FOR EVERYONE (WISE) WEBSITE

This website is where information on the SEND graduated approach, the attendance pathway and the behaviour pathway can be found. The website continues to be developed and provides helpful guidance and signposting to schools and settings. <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/education-and-schools/wolverhampton-inclusive-schools-everyone>

## TRAINING

A range of recorded, online and face to face training sessions are available for FREE. Further information can be found on our website. Bespoke school based training can also be arranged through discussion with your Link EP if you have a traded SLA with the service <http://www.educationalpsychologywolverhampton.co.uk/index.html>

## PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS TRADED OFFER

The service offers a wide range of Psychological Interventions that are available to Wolverhampton schools either through a separate SLA, or through an existing traded SLA. Interventions include GRASP, Lego Building Group, Managing exam and work related anxiety, Circle of Friends, and an EBSNA intervention. These can either be delivered as a 'Direct Delivery' package or a 'Train the Facilitator' package and are a great way to enhance the SEND targeted support offer in your setting. Further information is on our service website or please discuss with your Link EP <http://www.educationalpsychologywolverhampton.co.uk/schools/psychological-interventions.html>

## STAFF WELLBEING SUPPORT

We are very aware of the pressures that school staff are continuing to face. We are able to provide a range of support, please discuss with your Link EP if you would like support in this area.

# WOLVERHAMPTON EDUCATION WELLBEING NETWORK

This is a free network of support for Senior Mental Health Leads and Pastoral Leaders within education settings. There are half termly network meetings, newsletters and a Microsoft Teams Channel in which resources are shared and questions can be asked. The dates this year (all 1pm-3.30pm) are:

- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

If a member of staff in school would like to join this network, please email [elaine.perry@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:elaine.perry@wolverhampton.gov.uk)

## TRADED OFFER 2026/2027

All service level agreements (SLAs) for 2025-6 have now been confirmed. We will be advertising our traded offer for next financial year before the end of the Autumn term so please keep an eye out for information shared via email, via the SENCo Teams channel and via our website. Any new requests or any requests for changes to a rolling SLA will need to be made by the end of December 2025.

## SOLUTION CIRCLES

We are continuing to offer Solution Circle group problem-solving sessions for any school or setting staff to attend throughout the academic year. Please see Solution Circle flyer for dates and Microsoft Team links. Schools/settings are now required to book a time slot: <https://wves.wolverhampton.gov.uk/Search?search=solution+circle>

Please contact [stephanie.herriotts-smith@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:stephanie.herriotts-smith@wolverhampton.gov.uk) if you would like any further discussion.

## SENGO NETWORK

Wolverhampton continue to host FREE termly SENCo network events, open to all SENCos in Wolverhampton schools. Dates will be circulated to SENCos and further information including agendas and booking information for future events can be provided by [Kathryn.Bailey@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:Kathryn.Bailey@wolverhampton.gov.uk) - School Improvement Advisor SEND. All SENCos are strongly encouraged to attend to ensure they receive relevant national and local updates as well as have an opportunity to engage in development work and networking.

## SENGO MICROSOFT TEAMS CHANNEL

SENCos are able to join a Microsoft Teams area (Wolverhampton SENCo Area). The MST group will provide useful information and files/documents all in one place and will also provide a quick way to link with other SENCos and specialist services to ask any questions. Please contact Anna Loveland or Jess Collings (Inclusion and Support Officers) [anna.loveland@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:anna.loveland@wolverhampton.gov.uk) or [jess.collings@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:jess.collings@wolverhampton.gov.uk) to be added to the group.

## PARENT/CARER CONSULTATION SERVICE

The EPS is continuing to offer free remote consultations of up to 30 minutes for parents/carers who live in Wolverhampton. Parents/carers can make direct requests for support via the Educational Psychology Service website, by completing the form on the flyer, or by calling our Service administrators (01902 550609 or 07971 639296). Other professionals can also make a request on parents/carers behalf with their consent.

## EMOTIONAL LITERACY SUPPORT ASSISTANT (ELSA)

The Educational Psychology Service is pleased to report on the success of our ELSA training program. We now have 26 trained ELSAs, who are providing valuable support to hundreds of pupils across the local authority. These dedicated professionals are having a positive impact on children's social and emotional well-being through evidence-based interventions. Please visit our website for further information about the offer and how to register your interest.  
<http://www.educationalpsychologywolverhampton.co.uk/schools/elsa.html>

## ATTUNE

Wolverhampton Educational Psychology Service, Wolverhampton Virtual School and Public Health are excited to currently have 26 schools in Wolverhampton taking part in the ATTUNE project. The ATTUNE project aims to support schools in developing a whole school approach to emotional health and wellbeing through the use of relational and trauma informed approaches. If you are interested in being involved in the next wave of the project starting Easter 2026, further information about the project can be found on our webpage where you are able to complete an 'expression of interest' form.

<http://educationalpsychologywolverhampton.co.uk/schools/attune.html>