



Contact Information

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Aberdeen City

Educational Psychology Service

Information for Schools and Other Agencies

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If it is felt that there is a role for the Educational Psychology Service, the decision regarding this will be communicated to the professional and parent via letter.

In some situations, following discussion with the nursery (children aged 0-5 years) or school (pupils aged 5-18 years) it will be agreed that there is not a role for the Educational Psychology Service and similarly a letter will be sent to the professional and parents to communicate this. In these circumstances, any information held by the service will be destroyed to be data compliant with regards to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation) (EU) (2016/679).

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What is an Educational Psychologist?

We use our knowledge of psychology and learning to improve wellbeing, support life-long learning and empower children and young people to achieve their full potential.

Every school is allocated time from an Educational Psychologist (EP) who visits on a regular basis and works together with others to help children and young people.

We support children and young people until they leave school where there are potential barriers to learning.

Educational Psychologist can support at:

Universal Level

All children will have access to universal services if the need arises.

While school staff would take the lead in supporting children's learning, the EP can provide general advice on how to support children (we would call this an Early Intervention Consultation). At this stage a case file is not opened.

Targeted Level

Some children will experience a short or longer-term barrier to learning or wellbeing and this may necessitate the school providing a more targeted intervention.

An Individual Education Plan or a Child's Plan will be developed to help co-ordinate and measure the impact of the support.

If there are still concerns and it is agreed there is a direct role for the EP, the EP and school will negotiate this in collaboration with the parents/carers.

Examples: Consultation, individual assessment, observation, group work.

Specialist Level

A small percentage of children will require more specialised support and may have a number of agencies and services involved. They will have a Child's Plan and may access an individualised curriculum delivered by a range of partners but coordinated by school.

Where appropriate, the EP will continue to assist in the planning process.

How to access the Educational Psychology Service

Children aged 0-5 not in a school nursery

Requests for EPS involvement are welcomed from the following NHS professionals: Health Visitor, Child Development Team or Associate Specialist. Requests should be made using the Request for Consideration of EP Involvement (RCEPI) form. This will include the following information: name of child, date of birth, address, parents'/carers' names and telephone number, and any details in relation to whether the child is attending an Early Years education provision. Information regarding the child's additional support needs and the reason for the request for involvement is also required. All RCEPI forms should be discussed with and signed by the parent/ carer.

Children aged 3-5 attending a school nursery and school aged children

Every school has a link person who identifies and co-ordinates, in collaboration with the Educational Psychologist and the school staff, the best use of the Educational Psychologist's time in school. Therefore, other agencies should send a completed RCEPI form to the school and the Educational Psychologist to request consideration of the involvement of the Educational Psychology Service. This will include the following information: name of child, date of birth, address, parents'/carers' names and telephone number. Information regarding the child's additional support needs and the reason for the request for involvement is also required. All RCEPI forms should be discussed with and signed by the parent/carers.

