



# EYQI Updates

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## Upcoming training

Attached is our training booklet for this term, please note there have been some updates to the Baby Quality Network training- change of time and venues added. If you would like to book onto any of the training this term please use the links / instructions in the booklet.

### **EY HUB Meetings**

The EY HUB meetings form part of your FEEE Annual Agreement that you enter into with the Council to deliver the entitlements on an annual basis. This means that you **MUST** have setting representation at all of the meetings unless there are circumstances beyond your control on the day which must be reported to the Quality and Inclusion Team. Failure to attend the meetings will put you in minor breach of the FEEE Annual Agreement which can have profound consequences.

- Page 17 - All settings and childminders to attend all EYHUB Meetings to support the moderation process and keep up to date with key developments
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Tuesday 21st January 2025 1:30pm – 3:30pm **Safeguarding Solutions** drop in.

Wednesday 22nd January 2025 6.30pm - 8:30pm **Safeguarding Awareness** for practitioners working in Early Years settings.

Monday 27th January 2025 9:30am – 3:00pm **How to Support Children with Neurodevelopmental Difficulties and Developmental Delay Within Early Years.**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025- **EYHUB network** 9am-12pm (Settings) 1pm-4pm (Schools) **NSPCC Talk Pants Launch**

Wednesday 12th February 2025 6:30pm – 8:00pm **EYHUB Network Meetings** for Childminders

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### **EYQI Team update**

We would like to introduce to you our new Early Years Development Officer Kate Campbell.



Hi everyone- I am Kate, new to the team. I am one of the Early Years Development Officers at St Helens. I have over 20 years' experience working within Early Years. I am mum of two very energetic boys and a military wife! As you can imagine it's an adventurous household! I hope you meet with you all soon and look forward to working with you all. Best Wishes Kate



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### **National Storytelling Week 1<sup>st</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

This fantastic annual event is a joyful celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world; they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy; they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills.

The theme for 2025 is **'Reimagine your world'**.

For further information please go to [National Storytelling Week 2025](#)

[Activities, Events and Resources | National Literacy Trust | National Literacy Trust](#)

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Please note National Literacy trust offer resources in **22 languages**.

## Ofsted DBS update for Childminders

All new adults and children aged over 16 working or living in the home where you provide childcare must complete an enhanced, home-based DBS application and submit an application to be listed on a registration.

Guidance on how to tell Ofsted about how to report **new adults** in the home can be found here: [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/childminders-report-new-](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/childminders-report-new-adults-in-the-home)

**adults-in-the-home** Individuals can apply for a DBS here on the Matrix website:

<https://www.ofsteddbsappplication.co.uk>.

An identity check must be completed. Details of how to do this are available on the Matrix website. If the ID check and section Y is not completed within six months of the start of the application, Matrix will close their DBS application. Individuals will then have to start a new DBS application and pay another fee.

We may take steps to cancel your registration if people who are living at your home do not complete their suitability checks.

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## Oral Health awareness training dates

Hi All

**A quick reminder to ensure all staff book onto one of the below dates in regards to oral health training and resources.**

As you will be aware the Wellbeing Service have been commissioned to deliver increased support around oral health in St Helens, this includes:

- a training offer,
- working closely with identified settings in areas of most need
- and also providing oral health resources for St Helens children

### **Why is better oral health important?**

Tooth decay is the most common reason for hospital admission in children aged six to 10, and children living in the most deprived communities are around 3.5 times more likely to have teeth extracted than those in the most affluent areas. On average 3 days of school are missed per year due to dental problems, which also can have significant impact on earning potential. Oral health and healthy teeth influence being able to eat a healthy diet to aid growth, speech development, and is key to social development and learning. Early habits of good oral hygiene need to be established to prevent these problems.

In St Helens, the percentage of 5-year-olds with any experience of tooth decay is worse than the England average. In 2021-22, 31.2% of 5 year olds in the borough had visual tooth decay compared to 23.7% in England and 30.6% in the North West . St Helens ranks as 31st highest in England and 13th highest in the North West.

### **Training Offer**

There have been two training dates identified for all Family Hub partners and any agency working directly with families, you will only need to attend **one** of these. Please use the below link to book on and /or identify team members who work directly with families to attend.

For those attending the face to face sessions, oral health packs will be provided to take away with you and provide to families you are working with.

**Please note there is a twilight session being offered.**

Please see below links to book on the training:

[Oral Health Awareness Training 21.01.25 1pm-3pm](#)

[Online Oral Health Awareness Training 28.01.25 6pm-8pm](#)

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## **Adult Learning bespoke training offer.**

St Helens Council's Adult Learning is offering bespoke training and support for settings with apprentices and unqualified staff working towards Level 2 Maths qualifications. This training will be delivered on-site, and all staff are invited to participate.

For more details, please contact Adult Learning at [HollyFormby@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:HollyFormby@sthelens.gov.uk)

To express your interest, please fill in this Expression of Interest form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/GL5GE6kiub>

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## **Language projects**

Dear Colleagues, over the past few years, we have successfully secured funding for a variety of language projects. As we look to continue this momentum, we would love to hear your thoughts on what interests you most. Your input is invaluable in shaping our future initiatives. Thank you for your collaboration!

<https://forms.office.com/e/7javcF1nWV>

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## Early Help Assessment and Support Training

We would like to let you know about our NEW training offer called **Early Help Assessment and Support Training**. Early Help Assessment and Support Training is 2 non-consecutive days training that combines all our previous training (EHAT skills, Lead Professional, Effective Chairing Meetings and Case Recording) into a 2-day package.

### **DAY 1**

- Introduction to St Helens Early Help, Level of Need, Services that can support.
- The role of the Lead Professional - awareness of the role of Lead Professional and how this applies in St Helens as part of effective integrated working.
- Chairing Meetings - develop knowledge and skills in relation to chairing/leading Family Actions Meetings at Level 2 to ensure robust, effective, and timely plans for children and young people.

### **DAY 2**

- Case Recording - develop knowledge and skills of quality case recording and support the understanding of different aspects of case recording on the EHM (EHAT) system.
- EHAT System Navigation (provided by system support) - Review the liquid logic system looking at how to navigate, create and use either Single Agency Support or Multi-Agency EHAT.

Our training is designed for practitioners who are expected to carry out the Lead Professional role supporting children and their families in need of Early Help, or those who will use the EHAT system to record their intervention via Single Agency Support. The training can be accessed as a refresher or for the first time.

For new users who attend the training, log in details will be provided on completion of both days.

The dates for the new combined training are below, both days will be 9:30 - 4pm.

### **February 2025**

DAY 1 - 12th

Day 2 - 26th

### **March 2025**

Day 1 - 17th

Day 2 - 24th

To book a place please visit [Events \(sthelenssafeguarding.org.uk\)](https://sthelenssafeguarding.org.uk)

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## New PREVENT Development Officer

Hello everyone, I'm Fran Fagan, and I've just landed in post, as the PREVENT Development Officer.

My background is in policing, spending the majority of my career in safeguarding post across Knowsley and St Helens. Before stepping into this role, I was the police CE Coordinator for the St Helen's Complex Safeguarding team.

Currently, I'm focused on updating our training packages and collaborating with colleagues in other boroughs to gather the latest data on national and local situations and familiarising myself with the role. I look forward to rolling out training sessions soon and connecting with all of you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me on 07394028751 or via email at [francinefagan@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:francinefagan@sthelens.gov.uk).

Thank you, and I'm looking forward to working together.

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### **PVI MS Teams Forum for private nurseries and childminders:**

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/channel/19%3a296c4d2f7039446a9e0aa281bd40e55a%40thread.tacv2/General?groupId=4f2a06e5-0991-4575-be27-b6cc16d97f34&tenantId=ef41c22b-1a60-4d86-a8bd-5d3a95f8abab>

### **Schools MS Teams Forum**

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/channel/19%3a2589ee5f1bd043fdbb67bec3cd7d3b1c%40thread.tacv2/General?groupId=9e33e316-91dc-4469-94d4-36a4da88746a&tenantId=ef41c22b-1a60-4d86-a8bd-5d3a95f8abab>