



# EYQI Updates

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**Week beginning 20.1.2025**

## Upcoming training

### 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

Please click the link to book:

Morning session: Settings/ school nurseries: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DTEK>

Afternoon session: EYFS Leads, Reception Teachers: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DTEJ>

## Talk Pants

# NSPCC

At the EYHUB we are going to launch the NSPCC Talk Pants Campaign for St Helens, **free resources** are going to be distributed at the event only on 4th February 2025.



## **EYHUB Network Meetings for Childminders**

Wednesday 12th February 2025

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm via Microsoft Teams

Please click the link to book:

Childminders: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DUBU>

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

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

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### **Childminder group**

From Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 the childminder group will run every 2 weeks. To book the sessions in February 2025 please use this booking link

<https://forms.office.com/e/hp5s4uy91k>

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## **Free Speech and Language Training online for Practitioners** **Speech and Language UK**

### **An introduction to speech, language, and communication**

Speech and Language UK's free Introduction to Speech, language, and Communication course introduces how to support children and young people's speech, language, and communication skills, why this is crucial for learning and wellbeing, and how to identify children with challenges.

[View here](#)

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### **Speech, language, and communication advanced course: Level 3 qualification**

For staff that wish to explore their speech, language, and communication learning further, Speech and Language UK offers an advanced Level 3 accredited qualification. This qualification is for practitioners who work with children and young people in early years,

primary school, secondary school, and further education. This could include childminders, early years practitioners, health visitors, speech and language therapy assistants, support workers, teachers, teaching assistants, and other staff working in health or education. This course is suited to learners who want to gain a recognised qualification.

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## Smile Squad

St Helens Family Hubs, University of Liverpool, School of Dentistry, and St Helens Wellbeing Service (CHCP) are working together to bring early years oral health care sessions, for babies and pre-schoolers, to St Helens.

What will the Smile Squad team do? A Smile Squad team member will look in your child's mouth. This 'look in the mouth' will not replace your child's usual check-up and you will be informed if your child needs further assessment. We may be able to help if you do not have a Dentist. Connecting with the Smile Squad team can help to ease children's dental anxiety!

The Smile Squad team and St Helens Wellbeing Service (CHCP) will help with tips and tricks to help look after your child's teeth and gums. We will provide free samples of toothpaste and toothbrushes and you will have a chance to meet Croc-o-Smile and Captain Tuck!

Why are we doing this? Healthy teeth are important for your child's well-being and development. Tooth decay and sore teeth are preventable. We understand access to a Dentist may be difficult and we would like to help your child access appropriate care.

### **The Smile Squad will take place:**

**18th February 2025 10 to 2 pm  
at Parr Children's Centre,  
Ashtons Green Drive,  
Saint Helens WA9 2AP**

**Please disseminate this information to your teams, children, and families you are working with and also add it to your social media.**

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## **Infant Feeding- Survey**

**Please share with all families who have children under the age of 5 🤗**

Hi All

As you are aware we are keen to increase borough wide infant feeding rates in St Helens. Initial feedback from families is there can be many barriers in their way to start breastfeeding, whether that be knowledge of, cultural or practical barriers.

The intended insights work will better help us understand what has gone well in the infant feeding journey, whether they choose to breastfeed or not. We want to hear from mothers, but also importantly from their support people - this could be partners, grandparents, family members, or friends. We have an online survey we are asking you to promote families to complete and have also provided a Word version for those who will find this easier to fill in.

Please see below for further details.

- **Online Survey Link:** [Click here to access](#)

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## Update from the Virtual School



### PEPs

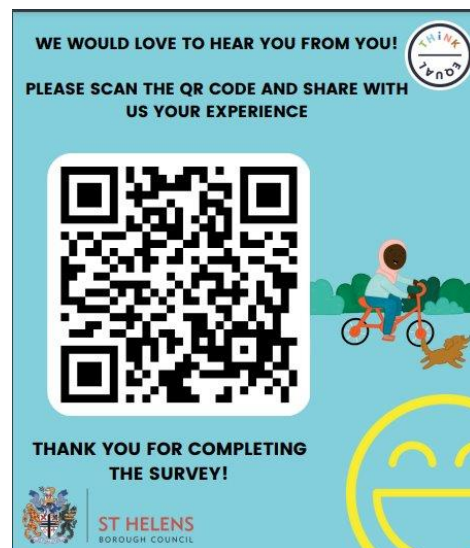
If you have any children who are looked after under St Helens authority, this term's PEPs are due before 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Before you start filling in the PEP document, please look at the back page first. This page gives you feedback on each section of the previous PEP, so you will be able to see if any additional information is needed. Thank you for all your hard work, the quality of the PEPs is getting better every term and really capture the great work you are doing.

If you have a child who is looked after, but I haven't already contacted you about setting up the PEP, please get in touch with me [christinedixon@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:christinedixon@sthelens.gov.uk)

### Think Equal


Several schools and settings are now using the Think Equal programme. We would like to expand this programme and make it available more widely. If you are currently using Think Equal, please click on the QR code and complete this survey. This programme has been funded by the Virtual School and we need your feedback to secure further funding. Warning – I will be badgering any of you who already have Think Equal and who don't reply!




## SAVE THE DATE:

### Join us for our **Early Help Conference – St Helens Family Help Transformation**

We are delighted to invite you to SAVE THE DATE for our **Early Help Conference** as part of our **St Helens Family Help Transformation** journey. This is a unique opportunity for professionals across the partnership including **Children's Services, Health, Education, Police, and the Voluntary Sector** to come together, engage, and shape the future of Family Help in St Helens.

 **Date:** Wednesday, 5 March 2025

 **Time:** 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

 **Venue:** Saints Stadium, St Helens

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

The day will include:

- Insights into the **St Helens Early Help landscape** through the **Children and Young People's Joint Strategic Needs Analysis**.
- Updates on the national **Families First Programme** and **Family Help Transformation**.
- Learning from **Family Help Pathfinder** initiatives in the region.
- **Interactive workshops** to explore key transformation themes, including integrating Early Help and s.17 Child in Need support, workforce development, multi-disciplinary team models, and Family Help assessment and planning.
- Networking opportunities over lunch and a **Marketplace** showcasing local support services for children, young people, and families in St Helens.

This conference promises to be a day of collaboration, innovation and shared learning to support St Helens Family Help's transformation.

Mark your calendar now!

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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>