



EYQI Updates

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Week beginning 10.2.2025



EYHUB day.

We would like to thank everyone who attended our EYHUB day last week, we hope you are enjoying your Pantasaurus packs. It was lovely to see so many of you together and we enjoyed meeting Pantasaurus himself!

If you have any photos you would like us to share of you with Pantasaurus please email them to ehub@sthelens.gov.uk and we will share them in our next updates.

Upcoming training

Tuesday 11th February 2025 1pm-2.30pm Making Sense of Autism.

Tuesday 18th February 2025 10am-12pm Safeguarding Solutions

Monday 24th February 2025 9.30am-11.30am Using visuals in Early Years (via Microsoft Teams)

Monday 24th February 2025 9.30am-12.30pm Early Years SENCO network (In person at the Bridge Centre)

Tuesday 25th February 2025 10.30am-12.30pm St Helens Early Years SENCO training

Wednesday 26th February 2025 2pm-3pm Early Years settings Safeguarding Leads network.

Stronger Practice Hub Continual Professional Development Opportunities Learning Walks

Book onto our Learning Walks on offer organised by Liverpool Stronger Practice Hub

Crank Nursery, Crank Nursery Ltd, Crank Hill Crank, St Helens, WA11 7SD

Monday 10th March, 9.30a.m. – 12.30p.m.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE OF THIS LEARNING WALK HAS CHANGED

If you wish to offer your setting for a learning walk to share practice especially linked to research in communication or early mathematics, let us know via email on

sphubnw@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk

Different FREE Speech and Language Training

Friday 14th February 2025 3 Different FREE Speech and Language Training at Everton Nursery School and Family Centre, Spencer Street, Liverpool 6 2WP. 9.00 a.m. to 3 p.m. To book a place please email: sphubnw@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk

Recognising and Supporting Speech and Language Difficulties - full day

- What is SLCN; different areas of communication breakdown
- Language Development Frameworks; Blank Levels, Information Carrying Words, etc.
- Practical Speech and Language Strategies

OR

Early Years - Using The Blank Levels Practically - full day

- The Four Levels
- Classroom Differentiation
- Interventions - practical activities

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Primary - Using Blank Levels Practically - full day

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- Classroom Differentiation

- Interventions - practical activities

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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.



Ofsted renewed education inspection framework consultation

Ofsted have launched a consultation on the renewed education inspection framework. This is the framework that will be used to inspect Childminders, Nurseries, Schools, and other Education providers.

To have your say please click this link: [Improving the way Ofsted inspects education - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/improving-the-way-ofsted-inspects-education)



The CATCH App has been commissioned in St. Helens by the NHS for a number of years. It has recently been joint commissioned by the NHS and Family Hubs and therefore relaunched.

Please find attached a CATCH App flyer. The CATCH app is a free app providing local NHs approved support and information for expectant mums, parents and carers of children aged 0-5. The app also not incorporates family hub information

If there is anything from a public health perspective that you think would be useful to add to the app or any push notification, let us know. The app currently sends out prompts when vaccines are due based on the dob added to the app by the parent / guardian.



Mental health and wellbeing support tailored to you

Welcome to the Kind to Your Mind website, built exclusively to support people living and working in Cheshire and Merseyside with their mental health and wellbeing.

We all experience day-to-day challenges that can result in increased stress, eating more, sleeping less, drinking excess alcohol, lacking motivation, or even having thoughts of suicide. Just remember to be Kind to Your Mind, and your body, during these times.

Through the website, you can access a range of mental health and wellbeing services and resources including tips, advice, apps, and online courses. Find support today by either creating a personal support plan or searching for services yourself. [Home](#) | [Kind To Your Mind](#)



The illustration features a light blue background with stylized white clouds. A clothesline is strung across the scene, with several items of underwear hanging from it. The underwear are colored red, pink, blue, orange, and green, and together they spell out the word 'PANTS'. Above the 'P' is a blue rectangular sign with the word 'TALK' in white. Below the 'S' is another blue rectangular sign that says 'AND STAY SAFE' in white. In the foreground, a white rectangular sign is pinned to the clothesline with yellow clothespins. The sign contains the text 'Feedback & Pledges of support' in a large blue font, followed by 'How you can get involved' in a smaller blue font. Below this, it says 'Please contact' and 'North West campaigns nwcampaigns@nspcc.org.uk' in a smaller blue font. To the right of the white sign is a QR code. The NSPCC logo is in the bottom left corner, and the tagline 'EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR' is in the bottom right corner.

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NSPCC

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Familiarisation sessions dates:

13th February 2025 10 am– 11 am

25th February 2025 6 pm – 7 pm

26th February 2025 4 pm – 5 pm

14th March 2025 12 pm – 1 pm

NSPCC Talk PANTS campaign praised by an abuse survivor

[NSPCC Talk PANTS campaign praised by an abuse survivor](#) | [St Helens Star](#)



Donna-Marie Wright was sexually abused between the ages of seven and 18 by her stepfather, who was later jailed.

Now 46, Donna-Marie shares her experiences through the NSPCC in the hope that it helps prevent child abuse.

She would encourage parents, carers, and teachers to use the charity's Talk PANTS campaign to help young children understand what abuse is and who they can speak to if they are worried or upset about something.

Continue reading here: [NSPCC Talk PANTS campaign praised by an abuse survivor | St Helens Star](#)


[WellComm training- online - Training - GL Support](#)

Please follow the link below to instantly access the training produced by the GL Assessment:
[Training - GL Support](#)

[Early Help Conference- booking open \(link below\)](#)

We are delighted to invite you to 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**.
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- Updates on the national **Families First Programme** and **Family Help Transformation**.
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- Learning from **Family Help Pathfinder** initiatives in the region.
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- **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.
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- 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 transformation.

To book at place please see the Eventbrite link below, please complete the additional information section.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-helens-safeguarding-children-partnership-tickets-1226166790879?aff=oddtcreator>

The full Agenda will follow.

Scott Jones

Interim Head of Service - Partnerships and Integration

St Helens Borough Council

[Communication Toolkit- Childcare Choices](#)

Childcare choices have a variety of resources to promote the funding that will be available to families at your settings.

In January the communications toolkit was published, and this has a wide range of promotional resources free to download and use.

Use the link below to access the toolkit.

Sample social posts: general childcare support

Let parents know that they can access government support to help them with their childcare costs. Here are graphics and suggested accompanying messages that you can edit and use on your own channels to spread the word.



Every family is different but Childcare Choices can help you find the childcare support that fits yours. With expanded support, families who weren't eligible last year may now qualify, with even more support from September. To find out more visit: ChildcareChoices.gov.uk #ChildcareChoices



Imagine what childcare support could do for your family. From 15 and 30 hours, to Tax-Free Childcare and Universal Credit Childcare, there is a wide range of offers that parents may be eligible for. To find out more visit: ChildcareChoices.gov.uk #ChildcareChoices



Need a hand juggling work, family and childcare? Childcare Choices can help you find the support that fits your family and helps give your child a great start, supporting them to develop essential skills for school. To find out more visit: ChildcareChoices.gov.uk #ChildcareChoices



Balancing family life can be tough, but Childcare Choices is here to support you. From 15 and 30 hours, to Tax-Free Childcare and Universal Credit Childcare, find the support that fits your family and helps give your child a great start. To find out more visit: ChildcareChoices.gov.uk #ChildcareChoices

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To download campaign assets, please visit
ChildcareChoices.gov.uk/guidance-and-resources

Childcare Choices Communications Toolkit Jan-Mar 2025.pdf

Oral Health Awareness

Hi All

We have a number of requests for further oral health training. Please see further details below on how to book. An online date in February 2025 has been added as well as the face to face session in April 2025. Please note these are the only dates bookable at this time.

As you will be aware the Wellbeing Service has 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 a significant impact on earning potential. Oral health and healthy teeth influence being able to eat a healthy diet to aid growth, and 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 31st highest in England and 13th highest in the North West.

Training Offer

There have been 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 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 see below links to book on the training:

26.2.2025- 10 am-11 am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-oral-health-awareness-training-260225-tickets-1230016214609?aff=oddtcreator>

8.4.2025- 9.30am - 11.30am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/oral-health-awareness-training-080425-tickets-1207047745299?aff=oddtcreator>

'How To Love Your Job' new four-part early years series with Channel 4

The **Do Something Big** campaign team is delighted to share the second episode of our new four-part series with Channel 4. In this episode, Ryan dives into the world of early years education to see if this could be the fresh, fun start he's been craving. Will it be his new creative calling? Life Coach, Anna Williamson, finds out. You can watch the episode [here](#).

We'd appreciate your support in amplifying this and future episodes to help reach a wider audience. Please reshare this episode on your social channels and through your networks if you can using the links below.

[Instagram](#)

[Facebook](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

Do Something BIG' campaign – advertising vacancies on Find A Job ahead of upcoming events

The Department for Education's [Do Something BIG](#) recruitment campaign is continuing to highlight the huge difference early years educators make to young children and how rewarding working in the sector can be.

Throughout February we are running a series of Do Something Big careers events across the country. The campaign directs potential applicants to use DWP's [Find a Job](#) vacancy platform to search for early years roles in their area, providing a valuable opportunity for employers to showcase their vacancies.

Listing early years vacancies on Find a Job - which is free to use - is a cost-effective way of ensuring they are seen by a large pool of candidates and will help connect more job seekers with the opportunities they're looking for.

Providers should use the term 'early years' in their job advert titles and select 'Education and childcare jobs' as the job category.

[Sustainable Business Model – video](#)

New to the HUB... [Making Funding Work: The Use of Government Funding as a Sustainable Business Model](#)

In this video for providers, Lucy Lewin discusses information and strategies needed to make the most of government funding. The recording explores the different types of funding streams, how to apply for them, and ways to use these funds strategically for long-term sustainability. Encourage your providers to [visit the HUB](#) today!

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>