



EYQI Updates

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Week beginning 2nd June 2025

Upcoming training

9th June 2025 Early Years SENCO 9:30am – 12:30pm (The Bridge Centre, Moss Bank Children's Centre), for all training, click onto this Try Booking link to book your individual training sessions: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DTEH>

10th June 2025- Early Years Hub Day- Nurseries- Join the team for updates and networking with colleagues, Venue: Alex Suite, The Living Well, Willowbrook 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Location Living Well, Willow Brook, Borough Road, St Helens, WA10 3RN

[A\) EYHUB Network Meeting for Nursery 2024 Tickets, Living Well, Willow Brook, St Helens | TryBooking United Kingdom](#)

Agenda

9:00-9:05 Welcome

9:05 – 9:35- Fiona Riozzi- Merseyside Police -Operation Encompass

9:35-9:45 Kate Morris, Employment Officer, Early Years, Liverpool City Region, Recruitment in early years.

9:45- 9:55 EYQI updates. (Wraparound network, Sustainability)

09:55-10:15 James White and Annemarie Houghton - Dads Matters & Home Start

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 10:40 Alex Gower-Jones- Stronger Practice Hub update

10:40 – 10:50 Alison Naylor -FEEE

10:50- 11:00 - Emma Flynn- The Bridge Centre Updates

11:00- 11:10 - Elaine White – Citizen Advice Bureau – Financial support for families with under 5s

11:10-11:20 - Teresa Mercer -Health Promotion Officer- Early Years Chefs network

11:20-11:30 – EYQI updates (EYFS changes, Ofsted feedback)

11:30 –11:50 Vicky Velasco & Nicola Cartwright/ Lisa Walkden/ Claire Glover

11:50 – 12:00 Questions and closing



Market place: Oral Health, Libraries, Citizens Advice Bureau and St Helens College (Apprenticeships)

10th June 2025 –Early Years Hub Day - Schools 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Venue: Alex Suite, The Living Well, Willowbrook, Location Living Well, Willow Brook, Borough Road, St Helens, WA10 3RN
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Agenda

- **1.00pm** – Welcome & Introductions
- **1.05- 1.15**- Teresa Mercer -Health Promotion Officer- Healthy Cooking in early years
- **1.15- 1.45** - Vicky Velasco & Nicola Cartwright/ Lisa Walkden/ Claire Glover – Oral Health
- **1.45- 2:05** - James White and Annemarie Houghton - Dads matters & Home start
- **2.05- 2.15** - Elaine White- Citizens Advice Bureau
- **2.15- 2.25** - Alex Gower-Jones- Stronger Practice Hub update
- **2.25- 2.35** - Break
- **2.35- 2.55** - Chris Dixon- Think Equal
- **2.55- 3.10** - Helen Boardman – EAL
- **3.10- 3.20** - Emma Flynn- Bridge Centre updates
- **3.20- 3.30**- Amanda Quirk & Lidia Wolos -Transitions into reception and Y1
- **3.30- 3.40** - EYQI updates
- **3.40-3.50** Megan Turner- Fostering
- **3.50- FEEE**- Alison Naylor
- **4.00pm**- Closing and questions



17th June 2025- Safeguarding Awareness for early years staff, 9.00am -12.00pm (training in person) For all training, click onto this Try Booking link to book your individual training sessions: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DTEH>

18th June- Wraparound Network- Out of School Club Network - Network meeting for all staff working within a breakfast and/ or Afterschool club setting. Agenda- Recruitment, Online Safety and Play Matters, 9:30am - 11:00am at Sutton Family Hub, use the link to book your place- (Limited availability) <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DTEH>

18th June – Manual Handling in Early Years, 2.30pm -3:30pm, in person, use the link to book your place- (Limited availability) <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DTEH>

EYHUB Network Meetings for Childminders

6:30pm – 8:00pm via Microsoft Teams

Wednesday 18th June 2025
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Please click the link to book:
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DUBU>

25th June 2025 - Safeguarding Solutions - Please email Gemma to book onto the session and you will be given a half-hour slot to attend via Teams. Gemmaoakes@sthelens.gov.uk

20th June 2025 - EYFS Profile Drop-in

Additionally, we were asked to arrange an informal EYFS P drop-in session for the Reception teachers completing the EYFS Profile this year. I am pleased to confirm that Amanda Quirk (Educator) and I will be available on Friday, 20th June 2025, from 12:30 to 4pm at Sutton Family HUB (Ellamsbridge Road, Sutton, St Helens, WA9 3PY) for an informal chat. There is no need to book for the EYFS Profile drop-in.

11th July 2025 -NEW to the EYFS in School- training The EY HUB St Helens has been asked to create training for those who are moving to teach in the Early Years Foundation Stage from September 2025.

New to the EYFS in School, a training day for teachers - overview

Whether you're new to EYFS or seeking to refresh your knowledge, this one day course will empower you with the skills and confidence to build on your understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

A course that covers:

- The statutory requirements of the EYFS alongside the guidance documents.
- How to plan for the unique needs of young children.
- The critical role of the adults in the early years.
- The tools to support you with developing your own practice.
- Planning successful EYFS learning environments.

Date: Friday 11th July 2025

Time: 9:30am - 4pm

Venue: Sutton Family Hub

The training has been added to Trybooking and delegates can book on using the usual link which is <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DTEH>

Save the date- EYFS proposed changes briefings (Safeguarding reforms) from September 2025-
2nd July 2025 6.30pm

3rd July 2025 10am

3rd July 2025 3.45pm

(No booking required- these sessions will be online via Microsoft Teams and are for anyone working with Early Years children, links will be sent to all settings the week before the sessions)

Stronger Practice HUB training

- **Interactive Reading CPD:**

St Helens - Monday 30th June 9.30am-12pm with Alex Gower-Jones (Early Years Consultant).

Sutton Family Hub, Ellamsbridge Rd, Saint Helens WA9 3PY

Online offer - Wednesday 25th June 6.00-8.00pm with Alex Gower-Jones (Early Years Consultant).

If you would like to book a place on any of the Interactive Face to Face sessions or the online session in June email on sphubnw@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk



NSPCC resources and three free, one hour listen and learn sessions for professionals in St Helens

Please find the link to the NSPCC Learning page: [PANTS resources for schools and teachers | NSPCC Learning](#)

<https://shop.nspcc.org.uk/collections/pantosaurus>

If you require physical resources, book a Pantosaurus or invite NSPCC to your team meetings, please send Lidia Wolos an email: lidiawolos@sthelens.gov.uk

Free session links:

10.6.25 NSPCC SEND session [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

16.6.25 NSPCC RASASC session [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

17.6.25 NSPCC Report Remove session [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)



Dear Colleagues,

May I kindly request that you save this information for future reference?

In the unfortunate event that a family is affected by suicide, they will require immediate support. By keeping this information readily available, you will be able to respond promptly and effectively.

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind colleagues about the local support services available for those bereaved or affected by suicide.

Lidia Wolos

Amparo – support following suicide

Amparo is a local support service for people bereaved by suicide. The service aims to ensure that people bereaved, or affected by suicide are connected into existing local support services quickly. The service operates in St Helens and across most of Cheshire and Merseyside. People who've been bereaved can contact the service directly by ringing 0330 088 9255, or emailing amparo.service@listening-ear.co.uk, or they can self-refer into the Amparo service using the attached form. You can find more information about Amparo at [Get help now. Free and confidential, for as long as you need it. \(amparo.org.uk\)](https://www.amparo.org.uk).

Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide (SOBS) This is a national self-help organisation which offers confidential support to adults (i.e. people over 18) who have been bereaved by suicide. Support is provided by volunteers through the helpline, by email and through local groups. The helpline is open 9.00am-9.00pm Monday to Friday, call 0300 111 5065. You can find more details about SOBS here. [St Helens – Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide \(uksobs.org\)](https://www.uksoobs.org)

Help is at Hand

The booklet "Help is at Hand" offers both emotional and practical support to people bereaved or affected by suicide. There's also a pocket guide, or z-card which accompanies the booklet. Both were written by people bereaved by suicide with support from Public Health England and the National Suicide Prevention Alliance. Please forward them to anyone you think they might be useful to. Free hard copies of the Help is at Hand booklet and z-card can be ordered from the Department of Health. You can find details of how to order hard copies, along with additional information for bereaved people on the Support After Suicide website. [Help is at hand – Support After Suicide](https://www.supportaftersuicide.org.uk)

PAPYRUS is the national charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide. PAPYRUS Prevention of Young Suicide is the UK charity dedicated to the prevention of suicide and the promotion of positive mental health and emotional wellbeing in young people. Today, we are a leading youth suicide prevention charity in the UK. Our suicide prevention helpline, HOPELINE247, is staffed by trained suicide prevention advisers, who work with young people – and anybody concerned for a young person – to help keep them safe from suicide. HOPELINE247 is a free and confidential call, text and email service, which is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year (weekends and bank holidays included) <https://www.papyrus-uk.org/>

Additionally, **St Helens Wellbeing Service** are able to provide suicide prevention and awareness training in educational settings, organisations and the community. <https://www.sthelenswellbeing.org.uk/services/mental-wellbeing/pages/training>

For further support and information, please find this at [OK TO ASK](#)

Foundation Years information



Newsletter

Infant Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week (09/06) is Infant Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme this year is, 'Who is holding the baby?'. Highlighting that not everyone bonds easily with their baby, and that parents who are overwhelmed by trauma, or struggling with mental or physical health difficulties, need support.

Although Infant Mental Health should always be a priority, next week is an excellent opportunity to have discussions in your setting on how you support infants with their mental health.

For information on children's mental health, please do visit [Help for Early Years Providers mental health page](#).

You may also be interested in the free [Early years child development training](#), which includes a module on supporting children's personal, social and emotional development.



Climate action plans for a sustainable future

The Department for Education expects all education settings to have a climate action plan by 2025. For free help to develop and progress your climate action plan, register for interactive workshops throughout May.

We will guide you to identify key actions, engage colleagues, and access support to integrate sustainability into school life. There are Early Years specials starting next week, [book here now](#) to secure a place

Stonger Practice Hub offers training:

Online Sustainability sessions on Thursday 19th June 2.30-4.30p.m. or 6-8p.m. with Dr. Diane Boyd and a live Online Interactive Reading Session on Wednesday 25th June 6-8p.m. with Alex Gower-Jones

email sphubnw@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk if you would like a place.



Safeguarding Alert: Smart Glasses

Did you know that Smart Glasses can film and record?

It's important to be aware of the capabilities of Smart Glasses, as they can discreetly capture video and audio. Review Your Policies. Ensure your Mobile Phone and Electronic Device Use Policy includes guidelines for mobile phones, smart watches, and other electronic devices that can film or record.

Action Steps

- Review and Update Policies: Check your current policies around the use of technology.
- Implement Procedures: Establish clear procedures for managing the use of such devices within your setting.
- Inform Visitors: Make sure these procedures are communicated to visitors.

Real-World Example

There was an incident (not locally) where a nursery discovered that a potential parent was filming their tour using Smart Glasses. This highlights the need for vigilance and clear policies.

Stay informed and ensure your safeguarding measures are up to date!

CHILDMINDER CONFERENCES Stronger Practice HUB:

**Saturday 7th June 2025 at The Lake House Cambridge Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RR,
9.30a.m. to 1.30p.m.**

Our Theme for the conference is: Interactive Literacy '**Bringing Stories to life**' with Denise Wright, Early Years Consultant.

Limited Spaces please Email sphubnw@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk if you would like to attend.

Saturday 16th August 2025 at The Lake House Cambridge Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22
1RR, 9.30a.m. to 12.30p.m.

Our Theme for the conference is: **Intergenerational sustainability and early numeracy** with Dr. Diane Boyd, Independent Consultant.

Diane will share examples of how young children under five explore early numeracy linked to Intergenerational sustainability.

Limited Spaces please Email sphubnw@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk if you would like to attend

Childcare Works free webinars for Early Years and Wraparound Childcare providers and schools.

Join one of the upcoming Childcare Works live sessions and find out more about the wealth of resources, guidance and information available to support you. **Find out more and sign up at childcareworks.org.uk/webinars**

Wraparound providers and schools can sign up for the live webinar on **Tuesday 10 June, 7pm – 8pm**

Early years providers and schools can sign up the live webinar on **Wednesday 11 June, 12 – 1pm**

Providers can find out more and sign up for free at:
childcareworks.org.uk/webinars



[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>