



EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE SPECIALIST AND THERAPEUTIC WORK

Part of the EPS response to the Children Act 2004 and the wider Every Child Matters agenda is to enhance our capacity for targeted and specialist psychological responses to the needs of the most vulnerable children and families in Buckinghamshire; all EPs will be able to link referred cases as necessary to the following pathways:

Specialist Work- includes EPs' specialist roles and work with special schools, ARPs and Out County provision. Examples of specialisms will include consultation, advice and support to colleagues on: Autism Spectrum Disorders, Sensory Impairments, work with Social Care, Developmental Coordination Disorders. All EPs will identify at least one area of specialist interest/knowledge, and the service will plan and support CPD in these areas, and in any where there is a 'gap'. Specialist interests will not be fixed: it will be possible, ideally at the end of a school year, to nominate a different area of specialism.

Therapeutic Support- includes providing evidence-based therapeutic support directly to children, young people and their parents and carers, using facilities in our mainstream and specialist provisions or other locations where this is preferred. Group approaches will also be used, for example, nurture groups, Pyramid Trust and SPARKS. There will be no separate referral route: referred children and young people will be offered interventions based on EP assessment and formulation and available evidence, as part of the planned response to identified concerns.

