

West Lothian Educational Psychology Service

| Who are we?

Educational Psychologists use psychology to improve the wellbeing and education of young people. We work mainly through schools and early years settings.

Educational Psychologists follow professional standards as determined by the British Psychological Society and the Health and Care Professions Council.

| Advice and Consultation

If a parent/carer, child/young person or another professional involved with a child – is concerned about a child's learning and/or wellbeing, the first step is to speak with the school or early years setting. After this, the school may wish to speak with the Educational Psychologist to get some advice on how to help. Parents/carers* will always be asked to give consent for this discussion.

Often, this conversation will help to think of ideas to improve things and this will be shared with parents/

carers* by the school. The Educational Psychologist will not meet parents/carers or children at this stage.

If, after trying some new approaches to help, the concerns continue, then it may be helpful to have a meeting in school with parents/carers* to talk about things in more detail. Actions will be agreed at this meeting. The Educational Psychologist will not meet children individually at this stage.

| Assessment

If the school and local authority will be considering the child's needs through formal assessment processes (eg. at key transition points) the educational psychologist will become involved as part of a team to provide assessment information. Parents/carers* will be fully involved in this process.

The Educational Psychology Service also works as part of the team supporting children and young people who are Looked After.

More information about Educational Psychology Assessments in Scotland can be found on our website (see below) or by clicking **here**.

** Young People aged 12 years and over, who are able to, must also give consent for involvement with the Educational Psychology Service. They should be included in meetings about them and given copies of relevant information.*



CONSULTATION



ASSESSMENT



INTERVENTION



TRAINING



RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT

Further information about our Service, including our General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) statement, can be found on our web-site: www.westlothian.gov.uk/EducationPsychologyService

Information about additional support needs can be found by visiting: enquire.org.uk

