



# EYQI Updates

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## EYHUB Training

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024** Safeguarding solutions network 1.30pm-3.30pm to book please email [Gemmaoakes@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:Gemmaoakes@sthelens.gov.uk) Please book onto this session if you have early Safeguarding concerns or if you have not heard from a family's social worker within the last 6 months. If you have a family who steps down from Child Protection or Child in Need to Universal, please contact us to discuss plans moving forward.

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## Oral Health awareness training dates

**Hi All**

**A quick reminder to ensure all staff book onto one of the below dates in regards to oral health training and resources.**

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

### **Training Offer**

There have been two 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 on 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 note there is a twilight session being offered.**

Please see below links to book on the training:

[Oral Health Awareness Training 21.01.25 1pm-3pm](#)

[Online Oral Health Awareness Training 28.01.25 6pm-8pm](#)

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## **[Do Something big- recruitment campaign](#)**

**Action for early years settings: Advertise your vacancies on Find a Job for the 'Do Something BIG' campaign**

The [Do Something BIG](#) recruitment campaign continues to highlight the huge impact early years educators have on young children and the rewards of working in the sector.

On average, the campaign website receives over 46,000 visits weekly, which directs potential applicants to DWP's [Find a Job](#) vacancy platform to search for early years roles.

Listing your early years vacancies on Find a Job, which is free to use, is a cost-effective way of ensuring visibility by a large pool of candidates.

If you don't have a Find a Job account and have current or upcoming roles in your setting, please watch these [video tutorials](#) to help you create an employer account and post your vacancies.

Please ensure you include the term 'early years' in your job advert titles and select 'Education and childcare jobs' as the job category.

If you would like any support with posting your vacancies please contact  
[Gemmaoakes@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:Gemmaoakes@sthelens.gov.uk)

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### **Family Hubs new parenting programme.**

Family Hubs are launching a new peer-led parenting programme.

Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC) offers parents the opportunity to train as parent group leaders to offer parenting support for families aged 2-11.

We are taking expressions of interest for 10 week training programme, starting January 2025 for any parent or carer who is looking to build their knowledge and confidence, has lived experience of parenting and would like to support local parents.

Contact [fhccvolunteering@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:fhccvolunteering@sthelens.gov.uk) to find out more about EPEC and any of Family Hub volunteering opportunities.

Please could you support in sharing EPEC flyer with your parent and carer networks.

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### **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Profile handbook**

The Department for Education has published the updated [Early Years Foundation Stage \(EYFS\) Profile handbook](#) to support teachers and practitioners to complete EYFS Profile assessments in line with statutory requirements. The EYFS Profile is an important statutory assessment of children's development at the end of the EYFS. The EYFS Profile must be completed for each child and submitted to the local authority no later than 30 June. Local authorities must submit EYFS Profile data to DfE by 31 July.

We are pleased to announce that this update includes a change to allow a child's established or preferred mode of communication (including non-speaking communication, such as signing) to be used for all of the early learning goals (ELGs), including the Speaking ELG.

In order to be judged as expected, children must demonstrate the criteria of the ELG. The mode of communication is the way a child chooses to communicate, not the language a child communicates in. Therefore, when using any mode of communication, the ELGs for the communication and language and literacy areas of learning must still be assessed in relation to the child's competency in English, or competency in British Sign Language.

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## [Adult Learning bespoke training offer.](#)

St Helens Council's Adult Learning is offering bespoke training and support for settings with apprentices and unqualified staff working towards Level 2 Maths qualifications. This training will be delivered on-site, and all staff are invited to participate.

For more details, please contact Adult Learning at [HollyFormby@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:HollyFormby@sthelens.gov.uk)

To express your interest, please fill in this Expression of Interest form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/GL5GE6kiub>

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## [Language projects](#)

Dear Colleagues, over the past few years, we have successfully secured funding for a variety of language projects. As we look to continue this momentum, we would love to hear your thoughts on what interests you most. Your input is invaluable in shaping our future initiatives. Thank you for your collaboration!

<https://forms.office.com/e/7javcF1nWV>

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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>