



EYQI Updates

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Safeguarding Solutions

Our next Safeguarding solutions drop-in session is on Wednesday 10th July 2024 from 1.30-3.30pm. We do still have some availability if you would like a slot please email

Gemmaoakes@sthelens.gov.uk

The next sessions after this are as follows:

Wednesday 21st August 1.30pm-3.30pm

Wednesday 18th September 1.30pm-3.30pm

Tuesday 22nd October 1.30pm-3.30pm

To book a slot please email Gemmaoakes@sthelens.gov.uk

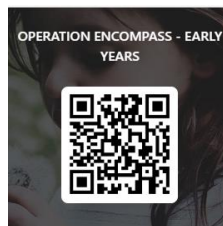
Operation Encompass Survey

Please see the link and QR code for the Early Years survey below.

Please could it be completed by 31/08/2024.

Please could all Early Years Providers complete this so that we can improve the process for the future.

<https://forms.office.com/e/iL25FH3Ycu>



Meet your Partnership Coordinators



Hi, my name is Kim. I have worked for St Helens LA for 9 years and have been a Partnership Coordinator for 5 years.

I spent the first 4 years working as a Family Intervention Worker supporting our most vulnerable children and families across the borough. I then moved across to the Early Help Team where I became an Early Help Worker leading on Level 2 Early Help cases. This gave me great insight into case management, planning and review when coordinating Early Help support for children, young people and their families.

Prior to working for St Helens LA, I worked as a Family Support Worker and Parenting Worker for Action for Children based in Wigan.

I have lots of experience of working within Early Help and Children Social Care. These skills and knowledge are invaluable to my current role of Partnership Coordinator where I support partner agencies across St Helens with their level 2 Early Help offer.



Hi, my name is Claire, I have worked in education for over 20 years both in and out of the classroom. I have worked in primary schools in the UK and taught in international schools in Dubai, UAE.

My previous post was as a senior leader in a primary school, with areas of responsibility including attendance, behaviour, and safeguarding. I am new to the role of Partnership Coordinator and keen to meet and work alongside our key partner agencies.



Hi, my name is Rosa. I have worked for St Helens LA for over 20 years in various roles all involving supporting families and their children, from Child Protection within Social Care to Early Help. Within these roles I have been lead professional using EHAT's to identify and plan the support that is needed for children and families, holistically and individually, and working with all agencies involved. This has allowed me to see all aspects of support that our children and families need from our most vulnerable children at Child Protection to those still in need of support from Early Help.

I have been a Partnership Coordinator since November 2023. My experience within St Helens LA has allowed me to use my skills to now support partner agencies across St Helens with their level 2 Early Help offer, so that they can support the children and family's they work with to get the best outcome for them all, without the need for social care involvement.

Contact us

Partnership Coordinators will be regularly contributing to your newsletter, to update you re Early Help and to support your knowledge of Level 2 and the Early Help offer.

To bring about effective co working and collaboration, you can contact Partnership Coordinators on "Partnership Coordinator" partnershipcoordinator@sthelens.gov.uk where you can share your concern/worry regarding a child/children in your care, and support will be offered re next steps etc.

NSPCC Learning- Early Years

NSPCC Learning has published a new page bringing together safeguarding information for people working or volunteering with babies, young children and their families. New and updated content includes: an introduction to safeguarding in the early years; recognising and responding to abuse in the early years; and safeguarding considerations when providing intimate care.

[Safeguarding and child protection in the early years | NSPCC Learning](#)

Oral Health

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 three training dates identified for all Family Hub partners to attend, 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.

[Oral Health Awareness Training 19.08.24](#)

[Online Oral Health Awareness Training 20.08.24](#)

[Oral Health Awareness Training 10.09.24](#)

If you would like packs for your setting, please book onto one of the above in person training sessions (Tuesday 20th August 2024 session is an online evening session) where you can collect the packs to take back to your setting and distribute. Please can we ask that you only request the amount of packs that you need, you can claim maximum the amount of children you are registered for plus siblings, you do not need to collect packs to last you as more will be distributed throughout the year.

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>