

The Hartlepool Psychology Team

The Hartlepool Psychology Team applies psychology to improve outcomes for children and young people, particularly those with special or additional educational needs.

We work in consultation with schools, early years settings, and other agencies within Child & Adult Services in relation to issues and concerns related to the learning, emotional and social development of children and young people. We seek to work in a collaborative, solution-focused way. The work we do aims to:

- maximise learning outcomes of children and young people
- promote the pro-social behaviour and emotional well-being of children and young people
- support schools and early years settings in the development of their capacity to improve outcomes for children and young people
- support schools and early years settings to promote inclusion
- support parents and carers to enhance the educational, social and emotional development of their children and young people

What can an Educational Psychologist offer?

Educational Psychologists use a range of skills to meet the needs of individuals, groups and organisations including:

- **Consultation and advice** - using solution focused approaches
- **Psychological assessments** - using a range of methods to inform interventions;
- **Psychological interventions** - to promote psychological wellbeing, social, emotional and behavioural development and to raise educational standards;
- **Delivery of Professional Development and Training** - to be able to support the learning of others in the application of psychological skills, knowledge, practices and procedures;
- **Research and Evaluation** - to conduct, evaluate and disseminate research activities.

The Psychology Team Evaluation July 2013

The key findings from the 90% of schools that responded are as follows:

- **100%** agreed or strongly agreed that Psychology Team members are easily **accessible**
- **100%** agreed or strongly agreed that Psychology Team members are **reliable** and follow through on actions agreed
- **100%** agreed or strongly agreed that Psychology Team members produce **accurate, well written reports**
- **100%** agreed or strongly agreed that Psychology Team members are **solution focused** in their approach helping schools and families to work together to solve problems
- **100%** agreed or strongly agreed that the Psychology Team provides a **high quality service**
- And most importantly **100%** agreed or strongly agreed that the work of the Educational Psychologist helped to **improve outcomes for the young person involved.**