

Leicester Children's Hospital School



**Training & Support
offer for schools /
external support**

**Programme
2023 - 24**



Training & Support

At Leicester Children's Hospital School, we are committed to supporting schools and other partners through a regular CPD programme and a bespoke training offer which can be delivered in your setting to small groups or whole staff teams. We are a member of the National Association for Hospital Education and work in collaboration with a number of teaching schools across the region.



Our offer includes the following:

- Youth Mental Health First Aid qualifications (MHFA accredited)
- Regular CPD twilight programme of events at our school or online
- Bespoke 'in-house' training for your school or provision
- SLE and LLE deployment in schools
- Development of resources and policies to support children with medical needs
- Art therapy sessions for young people
- School audits to evaluate medical needs provision and offer advice
- Opportunity to visit our school



"I wanted to say thank you for your support. It has encouraged me to consider tweaking the presentation of our holistic and academic data slightly so that it is easier to identify progress and those 'stuck' pupils."

Youth Mental Health First Aid



What is Mental Health First Aid?

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an internationally recognised training course which teaches people how to spot the signs and symptoms of mental ill health and provide help on a first aid basis.

MHFA offers a range of courses tailored for people who teach, work, live with and care for young people aged 8 to 18. The courses can be attended by anyone from age 16 upwards. Every MHFA England course is delivered by a quality assured Instructor Member.

What will I learn?

The course provides a more in depth understanding of specific mental health issues and is delivered in four manageable chunks:

- What is mental health?
- Depression and anxiety
- Suicide and psychosis
- Self-harm and eating disorders

The course focuses on the issues faced by young people today, such as cyber bullying and substance misuse, and teaches how to promote protective factors and good parenting. The course will increase awareness around young people's mental health. Allowing you to develop practical skills to identify a range of mental health issues and support a young person to get the help they need. Completing the 2-day course qualifies you as a Youth Mental Health First Aider.

Facilitator: Lorraine Biddle – MHFA Accredited Instructor / Head of School, The Beacon CAMHS unit

Dates: February 16th & 17th, May 11th & 12th, September 28th & 29th 2023

Time: 8.45am arrival for a 9.00am start – 5.00pm finish

Venues: Soar Valley College Training Centre, Gleneagles Avenue, Leicester LE4 7GY

Cost: £250 per person including resources and refreshments

Please click on our Eventbrite link below for available dates and to make a booking:

[The Children's Hospital School EveMnts | Eventbrite](#)

We are also able to deliver this 2-day course in your school or trust. For further details and to discuss costs, please email:

training@childrenshospital.school.leicester.sch.uk

Evaluation Feedback from a recent 2-day Youth MHFA Course

“It was an excellent course with just the right mix of delivery, activity and time for discussion.”

“I feel better prepared now, to deal with mental health issues that may arise with the young people I work with.”

“The activities we did on the day were so well sequenced and really did make you think/reflect/learn.”

“The course materials are so useful and it’s lovely to have reference materials and support to go away with.”

“The knowledge and understanding I have gained over these two days really are so valuable.”

“This has honestly been the best CPD that I have done in years.”

“The whole course has been so well thought through.”

“I cannot promote this course enough.”

“Very informative course and I loved it all!”



School CPD Programme

We organise regular training sessions online or in person. Details of our upcoming courses are below, and bookings can be made by emailing us or by visiting our [Eventbrite page](#).

| Date | Event | Venue / cost | Facilitator(s) |
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| <p>Thursday 25th January 2023 (2.30 – 3.30pm)</p> | <p>Supporting children with medical needs and Individual Health Care Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that schools are aware of their responsibilities for supporting students with medical needs in schools and to provide guidance to schools on developing Individual Health Care Plans for students with medical needs in school. | <p>Willow Bank School LE2 9AH £25</p> | <p>Diane Davies</p> |
| <p>Thursday Session 1 2nd March 2023 Session 2 9th March 2023 (4 – 5pm)</p> | <p>ACEs and Trauma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session 1: What is Trauma and what are Adverse Childhood Experiences? Session 2: How can we support young people in school who have experienced Trauma and ACE's. What does trauma informed provision look like and what support / adjustments might be needed to improve attendance, engagement, and attainment? | <p>Online (Zoom) £50 for both sessions</p> | <p>Lorraine Biddle</p> |
| <p>Thursday 25th May 2023 (4 – 5pm)</p> | <p>Supporting Young People with Eating Disorders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop your understanding of different types of eating disorders, presentations and challenges What can schools do to help? Consider specific strategies, adjustments, personalization, improve attendance and performance. | <p>Online (Zoom) £25</p> | <p>Lorraine Biddle</p> |



In-school / external support

We are able to provide training for staff at your school, either in small groups or to the whole team. This can be arranged during the school day or as a twilight session. Below are examples of the sessions we could deliver, although we are able to design a bespoke package for schools. Please contact us at school to discuss options or to book a session.

Example training topics:

- Whole school approach for supporting children with medical needs
- Support for school leaders – understanding statutory guidance & responsibilities
- Understanding borderline personality disorder type presentation within the classroom
- Designing a medical needs policy for your school
- Effective use of individual health care plans
- Managing self-harm in young people
- Supporting children with gender identity
- Understanding and managing anxiety in school
- Supporting education of young people with cancer
- Understanding eating disorders
- Working effectively with parents of children who are ill
- Coordinating an effective multi-agency approach
- Strategies to improve attendance / engagement
- Reducing anxiety by ensuring appropriate learning environments
- What does / should reasonable adjustments look like?

Training costs start from £150 per hour depending on number of staff, resources and planning time.

Contact us:

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“Thanks also for being so open and sharing some of your vision for the school. It so closely mirrors our own and gives food for thought as we head towards discussions with our local authority.”



Leadership support

Our headteacher is designated as a Local Leader of Education (LLE) and we have three Specialist Leaders of Education (SLE). Each are available for deployment in your school which can be arranged by emailing the school.

Bespoke school support can be arranged following a discussion about your requirements. Examples of previous requests by schools include:

- Audit of school provision for children with medical needs
- Developing policies and individual health care plans
- Assessing the needs of pupils & making reasonable adjustments
- Supporting individuals with mental health
- Improving outcomes through effective student provision and support
- Compliance with statutory guidance for children with medical needs

Example of an SLE deployment to your school:

| Package A (half day) | Package B (full day) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial meeting in school to explore concerns / issues • Environmental audit – What’s in place already and what could help further? • A staff workshop (45 Mins) • Action planning + review | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As Package A but could include: • Home Visit • Follow up Visit • Whole school training session |

| Support level | Full day | Half day |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| LLE | £500 | £250 |
| SLE | £350 | £175 |

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