



1. Title: Educational Psychology team leads multi agency panel on serious cases
2. Area (Local Authority and Region): Solihull
3. What was the issue? [100 words max] Some serious and persistent bullying behaviour may require professional interventions and support to address the child's wellbeing. Bullying may be the symptom not the cause, while other serious concerns may be disclosed. Research shows that bullying can be linked to mental health concerns, substance misuse, violence at home, weapon carrying and joining a gang for defence. Schools may require advice on how to manage some cases or situations.
4. What action was taken? [100 words max] The Educational Psychology service provides a duty line as a contact point in the community to offer advice. Contact time or case work can be set up as required, A multi agency panel has been formed which can address complex cases. This panel is equipped to look at the whole child or young person and can work jointly towards developing a package of actions. Counselling and other support for AB work is provided via Barnardos PAYP activities and the NSPCC. Peer support work in schools provides a first line of support. Core budgets from various services have been earmarked for AB work. This creates a wider range of stakeholders.
5. What impact has this had (so far)? [100 words max] Tellus 3 13% say bullying is not a problem in my school
6. How did the above action help to embed anti-bullying work in your area? A Follow up survey after one month showed that CYP involved in bullying incidents report improvements. Parents and professionals surveyed at 3 months follow up report improvements. The Multi-agency strategy group developed and refreshed the strategy and action plan. This has involved all key stakeholders. The group will become a practitioners' group to implement the strategy.
7. Additional information: Educational Psychology Service Solihull Mo Bham Principle Educational Psychologist