## Falkirk Educational Psychology Service

Falkirk Educational Psychology Service – Working in Partnership to Improve Outcomes for Children in Falkirk

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To: Headteachers and Managers, Falkirk Council - Education and Social Work Partnership nurseries, Allied Health Professionals Services and Voluntary Sector Services

Dear Headteacher and Manager

The Educational Psychology Service and our new approach

The Educational Psychology Service has a new way of requesting a service. As of today's date, all requests will need to go through the <u>online request for assistance form</u>:

There is a briefing for Headteachers and centre managers at the breakfast meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2025 and a <u>Launch Event online at 3:30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September</u>. For Council staff please book through CPD manager. This session will be recorded and posted on our website. If you would like to attend but do not have access to CPD manager, please email me directly with "**EPS Launch Event**" in the subject line.

In summary the changes mean we will not have a link psychologist system. While we will still be using the same prioritisation, professionals making a request for assistance from our service are asked to make their requests online. If you want to know more about why we are making these changes please attend the <u>launch session</u>. There is more information available on our re-vamped website:

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We have kept some cases open as a *Current Episode* (20% highest priority where there is an agreed next action). For those children the psychologist will be in touch if arrangements are not already in place.

We will still be offering training and improvement activity linked to strategic responsibilities. Our courses are all published both on CPD Manager and the Education Hub. <u>CLPL – Falkirk Education Hub.</u> The focus in Autumn 2025 is Neurodiversity and Autism; Relationships and Behaviour; and Resilience. See overleaf.

We look forward to being able to work with you in more responsive and innovative ways. Kind regards

Nick Balchin, C. Psychol.

## **Principal Educational Psychologist**

Request form - copy and paste into browser

https://my.falkirk.gov.uk/en/AchieveForms/?form\_uri=sandbox-publish://AF-Process-0ccf6852-ccd2-41a5-9159-aee3788939c8/AF-Stage-127e9574-4f85-4c1e-95d1-

959f7f74121a/definition.json&redirectlink=/en&cancelRedirectLink=/en

## Training and Workforce Development by EPS

Please not the start dates for these courses.

ID	Ref	Start Date	Sectors	Title	
90571	LJNS02	12/08/2025	Primary Special	Let's not just see how it all goes! Autism Professional Learning from the National Autism Implementation Team (NAIT)	Full
92263	EPS030925	03/09/2025	Primary Secondary Nursery Special Other	Educational Psychology Service - New Approach Launch event	
92245	EPS160925	16/09/2025	Primary Secondary Special	Relationships & Behaviour 3 session course	
92264	EPS300925	30/09/2025	Primary Secondary Nursery Special	Neuro-diversity and Autistic Spectrum Disorder - Pedagogy and Practice: Level 3 2025 to 2026	
92242	EPS211125	12/11/2025	Secondary	Resilience for Life	
92243	EPS140126	14/01/2026	Primary	Resilient Kids	
92212	EPS190226	19/02/2026	Primary Nursery Special	Supporting our Autistic Learners in the early years	View
92213	EPS310326	31/03/2026	Primary Nursery Special	Supporting our Autistic girls in the early years	View

Click the link from the magnifying glass icon to compete booking on CPD Manager.

For requests of other training there will be a new online system. More details on this will be provided at the launch event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. In the meantime, send your request to <a href="mailto:EducationalPsychologyService@falkirk.gov.uk">EducationalPsychologyService@falkirk.gov.uk</a> with "Request for Improvement Activity" in the subject line if it is urgent.