



Renfrewshire Council Children's Services

Cochrane Castle

Improvement Plan

2022-2023

Planning framework

As part of Children's Services, Cochrane Castle Primary School has developed this establishment improvement plan which provides a framework for how we intend to achieve Children's Services' vision of *working together to get it right for children, families and communities – Protecting, learning, achieving and nurturing.*

National Priorities

We also have to take account of the Scottish Government's national improvement framework which provides a vision for education in Scotland, namely to:

- 1. place the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre of education;
- 2. improve attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy;
- 3. close the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged pupils;
- 4. improve children's health and wellbeing; and
- 5. improve children and young people's employability skills so that they move into positive and sustained destinations.

Renfrewshire's Education Priorities

Our priorities will also align with the Renfrewshire Council Plan and Education Improvement Priorities listed on the next page.

Pupil Equity Funding

Our school received Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) to provide targeted interventions in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing to close the poverty related attainment gap. This funding enables us to plan additional interventions to those which were already planned. These interventions are highlighted throughout this improvement plan using the (PEF) abbreviation.

The priorities and actions within this improvement plan address the needs of our school and articulate with local and national priorities.

Renfrewshire's Council Plan 2017-2027

Working together for a thriving and connected Renfrewshire, creating opportunities for all



Renfrewshire Council's Values

We are fair, we treat each other and everyone we deal with respectfully and work hard to build trust in Renfrewshire Council.

We are helpful, we care about getting things right and are always approachable.

We are great **collaborators**; we work as one team and with people who care about this place.

We value learning to help us innovate, improve and deliver better services.

Children's Services Vision

Working together to get it right for children, families and communities - protecting, learning, achieving and nurturing

Renfrewshire's Education Improvement Plan Priorities

Develop high quality learning and teaching that leads to improved levels of attainment and achievement in all of our establishments

Reduce inequalities and deliver improved health and wellbeing outcomes for children and young people

Develop high quality leadership to promote empowerment at all levels Improve employability skills and support all of our young people to enter positive and sustained destinations



Our Vision, Values and Aims

Our vision, values and aims were created in partnership with pupils, parents, staff and our school community. Our school vision encourages all learners to "aim high and be all you can be!"

We aspire, through a caring approach and high quality learning and teaching, to create an ethos which ensures a positive, respectful and stimulating environment where everybody matters and fun is had by all. We nurture every child towards reaching their full potential and to prepare them for life, through our shared values of:

SAFE HEALTHY ACHIEVING RESPECT PERSEVERANCE CONNECTED

Our values are integral to the life of the school, our parents have reported that the values help support them in bringing up their children. We have values stickers that the children receive for demonstrating a school value. The sticker then prompts conversation with the child around why they received it and in turn contributes to their understanding of each value.

Our aims of we look and see, we listen and hear and we nurture and care. along with our vision and values, are summed up in our dream poster below





Who did we consult?

To identify our priorities for improvement, we sought the views of all our stakeholders, namely the pupils, parents/carers, partners and staff. We used a variety of methods of getting the views of those who are involved in the life and work of Cochrane Castle Primary, including:

Staff	Parents/Carers
Planned calendar of in-service training events and CPD	Annual Report feedback
opportunities, staff meetings & collegiate sessions.	 Parental Questionnaires/Surveys
 Regular meetings to discuss school improvement and progress 	 Parents' Meetings/Phone Calls
being made	School Website and Social Media feeds
 Excellence and Equity meetings 	Parental evaluations of school events
• Evaluation of the service using How Good Is Our School? (HGIOS) 4	Induction Days
 Regular review of School Improvement Plan 	 Team Around the Child Meetings (TAC) meetings
 Annual Professional Review and Development meetings 	Open days
Cluster arrangements	
Pupils	Partners
 Learning conversations with their teacher and SLT 	Place2Be School Counsellor
Focus Groups	Active Schools coach
Class discussions	 Educational Psychology Service – meetings, discussions
Pupil Voice meetings	 Social Work department – meetings and discussions to support
Captain and Vice Captain Meetings	learners and families
Pupil questionnaires/surveys	

All information gathered is collated and used to assist us to identify next steps and areas for improvement.



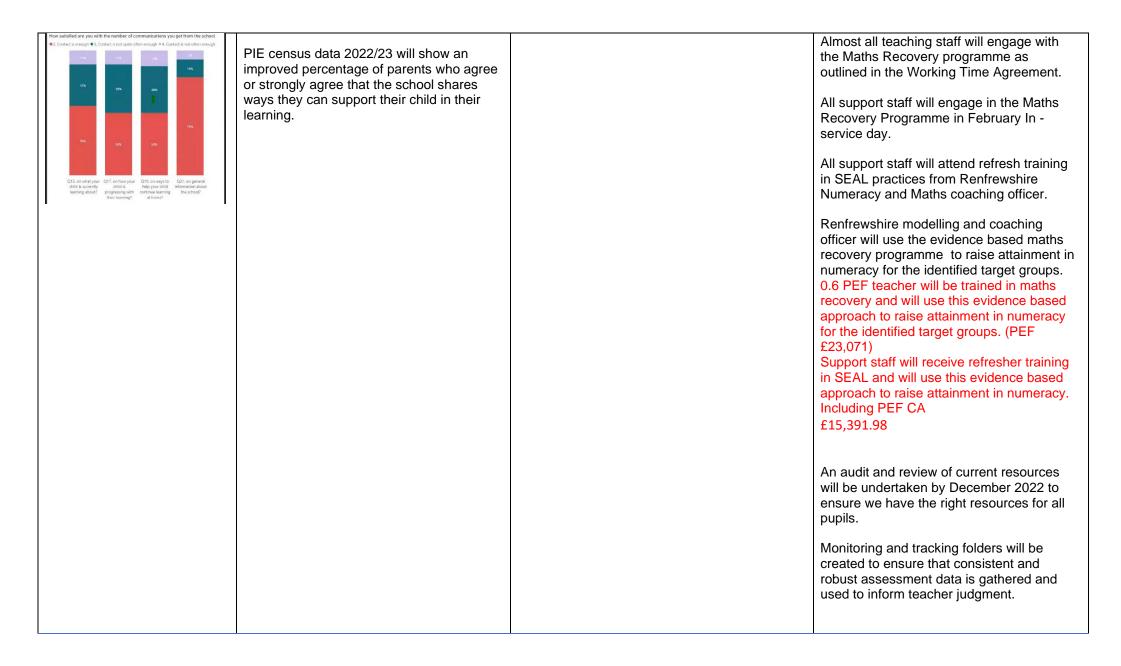
How we will know if we are achieving our aims?

We will measure and evaluate the progress we are making to achieve the key outcomes set out in this plan. We do this using quality assurance activities that include:

- Creation of, and regular reflecting against the school monitoring calendar
- Regular staff meetings and curriculum meetings
- In-Service day self -evaluation activities reflecting against HGIOS4 and GTCS standards.
- Monitoring of attainment through termly tracking meetings(Excellence and Equity meetings)
- Monitoring of pupil wellbeing through termly tracking meetings to assess the need for early intervention
- Termly evaluation of IEPs to monitor the impact of interventions
- Regular interrogation of school data including tracking information, the data dashboard, and standardised assessments
- TAC(Team around the Child) meetings
- Moderation of teaching and learning through in house and cluster moderation activities
- Moderation of teaching and learning through Peer and SMT learning visits
- Staff and pupil target setting conversations
- Regular meetings with the Pupil Council, Pupil Groups and the Parent Council

Each year we also complete a standards and quality report and self-evaluation document which are monitored by Renfrewshire Council Children's Services' staff

Improvement Priority 1-	To raise attainment in numeracy.			
HGIOS/HGIOELC QIS Q.I 1.2 – Leadership of Learning Q.I 2.2 - Curriculum Q.I 2.3 – Learning, Teaching, Assessment Q.I. 3.2 – Raising attainment and achievement	 NIF Prior Placing the human rights and needs of every child and y Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and ne Closing the attainment gap between the most and least Improvement in children's and young people's health an Improvement in employability skills and sustained, positi young people 	young person at the centre of education umeracy disadvantaged children d wellbeing	School Leadership Teacher Professic Parental Engagen	onalism School Improvement
Rationale for change	Outcome and Expected Impact	Measures		Intervention
School attainment Data and Renfrewshire end of pathway assessment data demonstrates that numeracy is a key area for improvement. Teacher judgement data shows that the most significant gap appears in second level First level - 68 % of pupils on track Second level – 57% of pupils on track Parent Involvement and engagement Census (PIE)carried out in session 21 22 shows that 50 % of parents and carers stated that they disagreed or strongly disagreed that the school provided them with the information required on how their child was progressing with their learning.	 By June 2023 the attainment of pupils in first level will improve by 17%. By June 2023 the attainment of pupils in second level will improve by 13% By June 2023 staff survey results will show that all teachers are confident in and delivering SEAL and Number Talks every day. Feedback from support staff will state that they are confident and skilled in providing in-class numeracy support to the identified target groups. By June 2023, professional discussions and interrogation of data during tracking meetings will show that almost all teachers are more confident in their professional judgement when assessing numeracy in Early, 1st and 2nd level. By December 2022, almost all pupils will have an understanding of their next steps for improvement in numeracy. Staff, pupils and parents will work in partnership to share children's next steps in learning. 	 Teacher Professional Judg Maths Recovery Assessme Pre and Post Intervention S Long Term Planning docum professional dialogue Monitoring and tracking nur data submissions Standardised assessment of SNSA/GL across all stages Class formative assessmer Levels of staff engagement Pre/post evaluations on sta and understanding Peer/SLT class visit feedback – target g 	nt Data Survey data nents and meracy termly data including nt with CLPL ff confidence ck	 The appointment of 0.6 FTE PEF teacher (August - March) £23,071), Support staff (£15,391.98)- and ELCO (£14,738.020) and cost to provide targeted interventions to the identified groups in numeracy, writing and reading. The teacher providing targeted support will work alongside the modelling and coaching officer to : Assess pupils using maths recovery assessments. Work with support staff to upskill and support ongoing interventions. Model good practice all classes. (Number Talks/Seal) Organise and deliver an input to parents/cares on how to support their child in numeracy. Almost all teaching staff and support staff will have undertaken Professional Learning with the Numeracy Modelling and Coaching Officers.



Improvement Priority 2 –	To raise attainment in Writing			
HGIOS/HGIOELC QIS Q.I 2.3 – Learning, Teaching, Assessment Q.I 2.4-Personalised Support. Q.I. 3.2 – Raising attainment and achievement	NIF Prio Placing the human rights and needs of every child and y Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and n Closing the attainment gap between the most and least Improvement in children's and young people's health an Improvement in employability skills and sustained, posit	young person at the centre of education umeracy disadvantaged children id wellbeing	School Leadership Teacher Professio Parental Engagem	onalism School Improvement
Rationale for change	Outcome and Expected Impact	Measures		Intervention
School attainment data shows that writing is the main area for improvement across the school. Writing data Aug 22 18-19 pre covid Early 60% 58% First 43% 72% Second 41% 68% The impact of school closures and online learning could be attributed to the decline of attainment in writing. Quartile comparison data appears to show that Cochrane Castle is 5% below the average in early level, 14 % below the average in first level and 20% below the average in second level. Consultation with staff prior to 2022 identified writing as a key area for development in	 By June 2023, attainment of pupils within a targeted group (early level) will improve by 10%. By June 2023, attainment of pupils within a targeted group (first level) will improve by 10%. By June 2023, attainment of pupils within a targeted group (second level) will improve by 17%. By June 2023, almost all teachers will be more confident and skilled in the teaching of writing. Almost all support staff will be more confident and skilled in providing in-class support to the identified groups. Through discussion with their class teacher, all pupils will identify their next steps in writing. Through Class dojo, all parents and carers will read about their child's next steps in writing. 	 Pre/ post teacher judgemen Body of Evidence Assessment information Attainment data (spreadshe Pre/ post pupil surveys/lear conversations with all stage Standardised assessment of Class formative assessmen Levels of staff engagement Pre/post evaluations on stathe teaching of writing Cluster moderation Moderation feedback betwee and Cochrane Castle Tracking meetings with class Learner feedback – target g (First/Second) Target group writing journa The Class Dojo journal of a IEPs Support Staff Timetables DHT Pupil Support Calenda 	eet) ning es data (GL/SNSA) it with CLPL ff confidence in een St David's es teachers groups ls Il pupils	The appointment of 0.6 FTE PEF teacher (August - March) £23,071), Support staff (£15,391.98)- and ELCO (£14,738.020) and cost to provide targeted interventions to the identified groups in numeracy, writing and reading. Two members of staff will take the lead (Project Lead) on the implementation of Talk for Writing across the school. The collegiate calendar will include 8 hours for writing development and moderation. including 4 hours from the working time agreement for cluster moderation. Information from these sessions will create a writing policy in conjunction with feedback from parents/ carers and pupils to support the consistency of teaching and learning of writing across the school. Next steps in writing will be shared with parents and carers via class dojo. Talk for Writing Non-Fiction training will take place for all teaching staff on October In-Service Day.

their practice and highlighted the need for a shared and progressive approach from P1 to P7. Consultation with pupils prior to August 2022 identified that learner confidence was at its lowest in writing. HGIOS?4 Self-evaluation activities with staff and professional dialogue in tracking meetings highlights teachers desire to increase confidence and accuracy when assessing pupil progress in accordance with national benchmarks. Cluster collaboration to moderate numeracy and literacy will support our internal moderation procedures which will subsequently inform and develop good practice across the cluster practice. The Locality model promotes collegiately and a consistency of approaches. By planning as a cluster in this way, we will be working towards ensuring the principles of the model are adhered to.	Cluster Plan Comparison of pre and post practitioner confidence survey will show almost all teaching staff have increased confidence regarding progression through a level by June 2023. As pupil work will be moderated across the Cluster Primaries, pupils will demonstrate an improved understanding of their strengths and areas for development by June 2023. By June 2023 all pupils will achieve or make progress towards the achievement of targets set in August 2022. Increased confidence of Associated Secondaries in the consistency of achievement data across Cluster Primaries. Increased confidence at Local Authority and National Level of data capture across Cluster Primaries.	Cluster Plan Practitioner confidence survey: Baseline Data Capture in September 2022 compared to Endpoint Data Capture in June 2023. Excellence and Equity Tracking Results in June 2022 (Baseline) compared to June 2023 (Endpoint). Pupil Target setting approaches, as outlined in Cluster Primaries Quality Assurance Calendars	 Talk for Writing training will be delivered virtually to all support staff on 24th and 25th August. The DHT will ensure that IEPs are regularly reviewed and shared with pupils and their families. HT with support from the digital champion will ensure that all teaching and support staff are able to support pupils when using the accessibility tools on glow as an aid to writing. Cluster Plan To assign 4 hours from the Working Time Agreement: Moderation groups to meet at Kilbarchan Primary. There will be four hours allocated. JHS English dept staff to work with second level teachers in order to ensure that levels are being accurately judged and shared across the cluster. 1 hour to co-plan a Literacy Lesson and complete overview with Cluster colleagues. Tuesday 17th January- 3.15-4.15 1 hour to uploading writing on Teams and to discuss impact of high-quality Literacy learning and teaching approaches. Tuesday 28th February 3.15-5.15pm Ongoing review of process during Cluster Head Meetings.
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Data from JHS shows that there is an increase in in pupils in secondary who are working at early level. JHS English dept staff to be included in first level group as there is an increase in pupils in secondary school at this level.		JHS staff to join first level working party working party to support their pupils who are working at this level.

Improvement Priority 3 T	o raise attainment in Reading			
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Rationale for change	Outcome and Expected Impact	Measures		Intervention
School attainment data shows that reading is an area for improvement in the school.Reading data Aug 2218-19 pre covidEarly60%First51%80%Second56%71%The impact of school closures and online learning could be attributed to the decline of attainment in reading.Quartile comparison data appears to show that	 By June 2023, attainment of pupils within a targeted group (early level) will improve by 10%. By June 2023, attainment of pupils within a targeted group (first level) will improve by 24%. By June 2023, attainment of pupils within a targeted group (second level) will improve by 15%. By June 2023 a reading engagement survey will demonstrate that most pupils will have increased engagement in reading. By June 2023 all teaching and support staff will be more confident and skilled in the 	 Pre and post teacher judger Tracking folders (Body of ev Assessment information Attainment data Pre and post pupil surveys / conversations across all state Class formative assessment Pre and post staff evaluation confidence in the teaching of Professional dialogue in Tra monitoring meetings (Excelle Equity) Learner visit records Running records Professional dialogue and e strategies used in Renfrews Approach Pupil feedback- target group 	idence) learning ges. n on staff f reading. cking and ence and valuation of the hire Reading	 The appointment of 0.6 FTE PEF teacher (August -March) £23,071), Support staff (£15,391.98)- and ELCO (£14,738.020) and cost to provide targeted interventions to the identified groups in numeracy, writing and reading. The teacher providing targeted support wil work alongside literacy development office to Measure reading engagement through the reader engagement survey. Work with support staff to upskill and support ongoing interventions. Model good practice in all classes with strategies from Renfrewshire Reading Approach Organise and deliver an input to
Cochrane Castle is 9% below the average in early level, 14 % below the average in first level and 9% below the average in second level. Consultation with pupils prior to August 2022 identified that	 will be more confident and skilled in the use of accessibility tools in Glow to support children with challenges in reading. Through discussion with their class teacher, all pupils will identify their next steps in reading. Staff, pupils and parents will work in partnership to share children's 	 Class dojo journal IEPs Support staff timetables DHT Support Calendar Reader engagement survey PIE Census Information Support staff timetables. 		 Organise and deriver an input to parents/cares on how to support their child in reading at parents' evening. Whole school community consultation will take place to audit the current approaches to teaching reading including the current scheme used. This will include research

learner confidence was low in reading. Consultation with staff prior to 2022 identified reading as a	next steps in learning using class dojo as a platform for communication. By April 2023, following consultation with staff, pupils and parents, a progressive	into evidence-based approaches/programmes, looking outwards to what's working well elsewhere and taking into account the views of staff, pupils and parents.
key area for development in their practice and highlighted the need for a shared and progressive approach from P1 to P7. They also highlighted the need to review the current reading materials(reading scheme)as a factor in this progressive approach across	approach to reading will be in place across all stages. Pupils will be able to demonstrate their reading skills at home with their parents and carers.	A lunchtime reading support homework club will be available twice a week. Peer reading sessions will take place between upper stages and infants. All classes will visit the local library at least once a term and the skoob bus once per term.
the school. Through professional dialogue in tracking and monitoring meetings in September 2022, almost all teaching staff identified the need for training in accessibility tools in Glow to support children with challenges in reading.		Reading books from the newly purchased reading scheme will be taken home as part of the school's approach to homework. The pupil council will consult classes to find out the types of texts each class would enjoy and their class libraries will be enhanced with these genres. All teaching staff will access Renfrewshire
Consultation with the newly established Parent Council in August 2022, also identified reading as a priority for the school and a request for readings books to be shared at home as the alternative to the current online reading programme Bug Club.		library topic book bank to support teaching and learning. The literacy development officer will consult with staff and pupils to identify class novels which will be purchased to engage pupils and enhance teaching and learning. All staff trained in the use of the accessibility tools in glow.

	The DHT will ensure that IEPs are regularly reviewed and shared with pupils and their families.

HGIOS/HGIOELC QIs 2.4 Personalised Support 2,7 Partnerships 3.1 Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	NIF Priorities Placing the human rights and needs of every child and you Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and num Closing the attainment gap between the most and least dis improvement in children's and young people's health and Improvement in employability skills and sustained, positive people	ang person at the centre of education School Leadership neracy sadvantaged children Parental Engageme	
Rationale for change	Outcome and Expected Impact	Measures	Intervention
Data from Glasgow Motivation and Wellbeing Profile(GMWP) tool demonstrates that an identified target group have challenges in managing their emotions in school. Through professional dialogue at monitoring and tracking meetings and in-service consultation, all staff identified behaviour and relationships as a priority for improvement. Consultation with parents prior to August 2022 identified relationships and behaviour as an area for development.	 By June 2023, GMWP data will demonstrate an improvement in the scoring of the targeted group by 1 point. By June 2023 there will be a consistent approach to behaviour and relationships across the school. By June 2023 pupil responses from GMWP will show an improvement in scores of 7 and above from primaries 2-7. By June 2023 the approaches employed by the school through Renfrewshire's Relationships Nurturing Approach will be shared and understood by almost all staff, pupils and parents/carers. By June 2023, almost all pupils are happy, engaged in learning and able to recognise and regulate their emotions. By June 2023 comparison from data collected Aug- Dec2022 and Jan-June 2023 will show a reduction in the number of referrals for support in behaviour and relationships to the SLT 	 Teachers' planning for health and wellbeing Levels of parental engagement with school/ Orbis Consultant (Brian Donnelly) Renfrewshire's Nurturing Relationship Approach (RNRA)core group surveys and Action Plan. Learning visits, learner conversations and teacher evaluations Place2Be referral numbers, referral themes, case studies and termly reports. Data gathered from Glasgow Motivation and Wellbeing Profile in term 1 and Term 4. Outdoor learning feedback sessions Baseline measurement of referrals to SLT. Number of violent and aggressive incidents recorded on Business World. 	Ensure that emotional literacy is explicitly taught at all stages through Emotionworks and our school values. Brian Donnelly (Orbis Training) to work with all school staff and pupils in P4-7 to enhance the delivery of emotional and social education with a focus on behaviour and relationships including consultation with the school community to update the vision, values and aims. PEF Intervention (£12,000) To promote consistency of approach a new behaviour and relationships policy will be created in consultation with all stakeholders The appointment of an Active School Coach to continue to develop health and wellbeing and the development of social skills across the school with a focus on targeted children. PEF(£15, 000) ASC to support school staff in accessing outdoor learning including outdoor learning/ forest school sessions.

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Data gathered from all		
stakeholders via	By June 2023 comparison from data	ASC to resource loose parts play to
surveys and dialogue	collected Aug- Dec 2022 and Jan- June	enhance the outdoor learning experience
demonstrates that a	2023 will demonstrate a reduction in the	for children and provide opportunities for
consistent approach to	number of violent and aggressive	children to develop social skills.
applying the key	incidents recorded on business world.	
principles of nurture is		ASC to target identified pupils to support
an area for	Almost all children participating in regular	them to access sport and active sessions in
development.	sports and physical activity throughout the	school. Targeted children will also
	school day.	participate in small group activities with the
The school will have a		Active sport's Coach (ASC) to develop
deeper understanding	Data gathered from targeted pupils through	social skills.
of the importance of	GMWP toolkit and Renfrewshire Active	Place2Be Counselling Service to provide 1-
nurturing relationships	School's data will show that there is an	1 therapeutic counselling, drop-in sessions
to children's mental	increase of 2 points in their scores which	and consultation support for staff.
health and wellbeing,	are noted at 5 and below.	
social and emotional		Place2Be to run an 8-week Journey of
development and	Data gathered from pupil feedback	Hope groupwork programme for targeted
attainment.	sessions will demonstrate an increase in	children to develop resilience.
	pupil's sense of wellbeing when	
Data gathered from	participating in outdoor learning.	Place2Be's Family Practitioner to identify
professional dialogue		families who would benefit from support
with staff in August 22	From August 2022, all pupils requiring	through the Personalised Individual
identified that	intensive counselling support access this	Parenting Training (PIPT)
continuing to get our	without delay. SDQ scores for all children	intervention for individual parents and their
pupils to engage in	improve.	children, working with parent and child
outdoor learning and	in provo.	together to improve relational warmth and
sport and active	All pupils and staff have support available	behavioural management.
activities is an ongoing	to them through Place2Talk, Place2Think	PEF (£5000)
area for development.	and Journey of Hope.	
		Creation of staff Nurture Core group to
Data wath aread from	Targeted parents are better equipped to	analyse data and agree whole-school
Data gathered from	manage the distressed behaviours of their	Nurturing Principle by September 2022
evaluations of Place2Be	children.	Nutraining i finciple by Deptember 2022
counselling service		Nurture Principle Training with Core Group
demonstrates that one		in Sept/2022.
of the key themes		
emerging from the		Core Group create and implement Action
children who access the		Plan.
service is support in		riaii.

emotional literacy and managing and regulating emotions.		Meeting scheduled x2 per term (1 of these including Educational Psychologist)