Psychology Service – Traded Services for the Academic Year 2026/27

Social Care and Education

Improving the achievement and psychological wellbeing of children and young people in Leicester City

Introduction to the Service

The City Psychology Service consists of Educational Psychologists (all of whom are Health Care Professions Council registered), Assistant Psychologists, Social Worker/Mental Health Manager and Bilingual Teacher Consultant/ Support Assistants.

The service works with children and young people from 0 to 25 in:

- Early years settings
- Schools and colleges/FE providers
- Family and community settings

and is focused on children and young people who represent priorities for the local authority:

- Children and young people with complex special educational needs and/or disability
- Children and young people at risk of mental health difficulties
- Children in care
- Pupils in danger of permanent exclusion from school

The service has an excellent working knowledge of Leicester City schools and their local contexts and has the ability to apply up to date psychological research and evidenced practice to undertake work at individual, group and whole school levels.

The service also has a comprehensive understanding of local procedures, policies, and services as well as relevant legislative frameworks and national policies and initiatives.

Service delivery to all schools and colleges

The City Psychology Service allocates time and a dedicated Educational Psychologist to all Leicester City maintained schools, academies and academy trusts which is available for a range of work as agreed with the school and in line with local authority's priorities:

- Child focused consultation and advice (including information gathering, multiagency liaison, assessment, observation, meeting with key staff and parents/carers with written findings, conclusions, and recommendations). Also, attendance at relevant professionals' meetings to support the work with the child (for example, SEND/EHCP review).
- Child focused interventions (including therapeutic group work).
- Family/carer focused support and training.
- School improvement focused consultation and advice (including research, project work, skill sharing and training).
- Critical incident advice and support following an incident involving bereavement, trauma and/or loss.
- Statutory EHC needs assessments where these have been agreed by the local authority (including SEND Tribunal work).

Traded service offer

The City Psychology Service also provides additional time to schools and colleges through a traded service arrangement. This is available on a spot purchase basis or as a service level agreement. Where possible we would ask that school agree work through a service level agreement rather than spot purchasing as this assists in planning. The costs for our traded service are:

Spot purchase traded costs

Hour	½ Day (3 hours)	Day (6 hours)
£150	£400	£700

Service level agreement cost (minimum 3 days - maximum 30 days)

Per day
£650

The exact work that will be carried out will be negotiated and agreed between the school and the Educational Psychologist. Service level agreements can be updated according to changing needs, but this will always be based on a clear specification to ensure clarity of expectations by both parties. Work undertaken by members of the service will always be in compliance with our professional standards and ethical guidelines.

To discuss the purchase of additional time please contact Mohammed Bham, Principal Educational Psychologist on 0116 454 2240 or mo.bham@leicester.gov.uk.