

DSPL 2 (Local Offer)

What is Delivering Special Provision Locally (DSPL)?

There are nine DSPL Area Groups across the county that meet regularly to discuss what services are available and to influence how services are shaped and developed to ensure the children and young people with SEND in their area receive the right support in their educational activities.

DSPL is a Hertfordshire-wide partnership approach where parents, carers, staff in early years settings and schools, further education colleges, local authority officers and representatives from other agencies, work together as part of an Area Group, to ensure that there is a range of provision and support services available in their local community that :

- Meets the needs of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), aged 0-25, as close to home as possible.
- Improves outcomes for wellbeing and attainment
- Widens choice for children and parers/carers
- Removes barriers to learning
- Uses resources more effectively

Peartree Spring Primary School is the lead school for DSPL 2 (Stevenage). If you are a parent and are interested in attending DSPL 2 board meetings, please contact the school office or email DSPL 2 at dspl2@peartreespring.herts.sch.uk

How will DSPL help me to support my child?

- The DSPL Board members work closely with several different agencies, eg Childrens Centres, ISL, SET. Suggestions and advice may be provided for parents and carers.
- The DSPL members will deliver support to children and young people across the locality through high needs funding.
- DSPL 2 hosts an annual conference as well as workshops for parents and professionals with guests speakers.
- Parenting courses/advice within settings and schools, eg Parenting Puzzle.
- The DSPL 2 website will provide a range of information for parents as well as a newsletter twice a year.

What support will there be for my child's overall well-being?

DSPL 2 offers a wide variety of pastoral support for pupils as well as support for pupils social, emotional and mental health.

What specialist services and expertise are available at or accessed by DSPL?

DSPL 2 meets with members of ISL (Integrated Services for Learning) regularly. ISL is the multi-professional service working in five integrated area teams across the county helping schools, settings and families to improve outcomes for children with SEND. ISL managers make up the constitution of board members within DSPL 2.

What training are the staff within DSPL 2 had or are having?

- DSPL 2 provides high quality training and support to enable all staff to improve outcomes for children with SEND. The aim of providing training to Stevenage schools is to increase skills and confidence of staff as well as to develop networks of shared practice across Stevenage staff to support local provision. Members of staff working in schools and Early Years settings have received training related to all aspects of SEND.

These have included training on:

- Supporting pupils with Autism Spectrum Disorders. DSPL 2 has led on the ASD leads projects across Stevenage, implementing the 9 key recommendations from the Autism review. A bespoke package of training and consultancy has been offered to DSPL 2 schools through Fintan O Reagan. Specific training offered to staff in Stevenage schools has been Level 3 Autism training and 'Supporting Autism in Classrooms.'
- Supporting pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs. The behaviour steering group meet regularly to discuss meeting needs for pupils with Emotional and Behavioural Needs. The ACE Mental Health Pilot across Stevenage is a tiered approach to supporting children and young people with mental health needs. Specific projects for vulnerable Post 16 students are in place across

the locality. Some schools within Stevenage have been involved in the CAMHs mental health pilot. DSPL 2 has offered Protective Behaviours Level 1 training to Stevenage schools.

- Supporting pupils with Speech, Language and Communication difficulties. Increasing skills and confidence of staff within DSPL 2 through funding Elklan training.

How will DSPL support my child when transferring to a new school?

DSPL 2 funds the Early Years transition workers and the Year 6/7 Transition workers. Schools, early years settings and parents can make referrals to support pupils with SEND to ensure that they have access to an extensive transition package as they move into the next stage of their education.

How are the DSPL resources allocated and matched to children's special educational needs?

The budget is allocated each financial year. The money is used to provide additional support or resources dependant on needs within the area. The budget is allocated into each specific area of need, eg ASD, SLCN, SEMH and Nurture.

Who can I contact for further information?

If you wish to discuss anything, please email: dspl2@peartreespring.herts.sch.uk

How can I find information about the Local Authority's Local Offer of services and provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disability?

The local authority, Hertfordshire County Council, has published its local offer of services and provision for children and young people with SEND. This is available at:

www.hertsdirect.org/localoffer