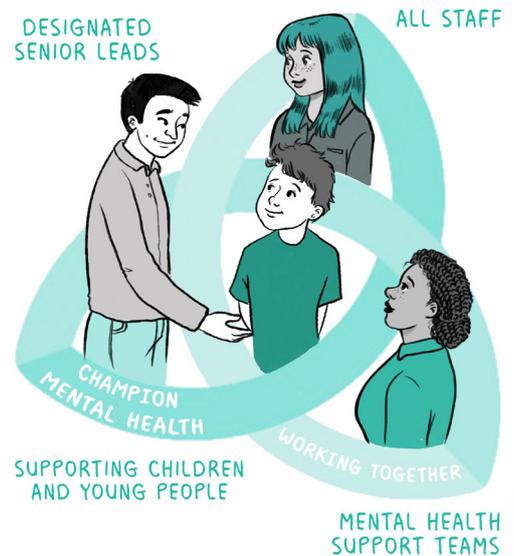


The Link Programme

Getting children and young people the help they need when they need it



About

The Mental Health Services and Schools and Colleges Link Programme (or Link Programme) is now open to all CCGs, schools and colleges across England, offering free workshops to help education and mental health services work more effectively together.

The Link Programme will encourage a joint approach to delivering more effective support across schools and colleges, Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CYPMHS), local authorities and voluntary and community sector representatives in your area.

Benefits

Benefits reported by previous participating organisations include:

- Stronger communication and joint working
- Improved knowledge and awareness of mental health issues among school lead contacts
- Increased satisfaction with working relationships
- Enhanced understanding of mental health services and referral routes
- Improved timeliness and appropriateness of referrals



The Link Programme helped us develop a network of teachers, health professionals, voluntary, community, social enterprise and local authorities. We are now communicating, sharing ideas and developing a common language towards mental health for the benefit of children and young people.

Natalie Williams, Mental Wellbeing Coordinator for Education and Early Years at Oldham Council

Find out if your local CCG is recruiting schools and colleges in your area:

annafreud.org/linkprogramme