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Senior mental health lead training

**Frequently asked questions for training
providers**

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1. What courses does this apply to?

The grants for schools and colleges are specifically to pay for training for senior mental health leads to develop their knowledge and skills to oversee an effective whole school or colleges approach in their setting. Other types of mental health training (e.g. mental health awareness, first aid etc.) are not to be funded through this grant, and we will not quality assure courses intended to achieve other outcomes.

2. What is the process for schools / colleges to apply for a grant for senior lead training?

From September, schools and colleges will have the opportunity to apply for a grant to pay for senior mental health lead training. Settings should get about £1,200 in total, of which approximately £800 is intended for training and the remainder to pay for backfill costs for senior leads on training. The precise amount will be confirmed in the autumn term 2021. Sufficient funding is available to offer a grant to around a third of all state schools and colleges in England in this financial year.

3. How will the funding for schools work?

Schools and colleges will apply for a grant through an online DfE 'opt-in' service. Upon proof of booking a quality assured course, the grant will be paid directly to the schools and colleges. Schools and colleges will be responsible for renumeration training providers.

4. How will senior mental health leads contact training providers?

A DfE list of courses that have been successfully quality assured will be published online in September 2021.

Schools and colleges will also be provided with a navigation tool helping senior leads to select the course most closely meeting their needs and preferences. Schools and colleges will then make contact directly with the relevant provider to book a course(s).

5. Can training providers submit more than one course to be quality assured?

Yes, a separate application will need to be made for each course submitted for quality assurance.

6. If our application is deemed 'not yet meeting the criteria', can we resubmit?

Yes, there will be the opportunity to address the feedback, and resubmit your course for quality assurance.

7. What is the process for submitting CVs if my course has been provisionally quality assured?

Training providers can submit CVs for their team at any point following provisional assurance by emailing mentalhealthQA@leedsbeckett.ac.uk. These must be submitted by 15 August 2021 date for review for courses to be included in the published list in September

8. Can new courses be added to the DfE quality assured list at a later date?

Yes, we will provide further information on how additional courses may be added to the DfE list of quality assured courses in September.

9. Do we have to use the Theory of Change Model that is provided?

For consistency, all training providers will need to use the template provided.

10. Can providers collaborate and work with partners to develop and deliver the training courses?

Yes, we appreciate that some providers will want to work with others to develop and deliver the training. A lead provider will need to be identified on the application form who will submit it on behalf of all partners.

11. Are providers able to submit more than one course for approval?

Yes, providers can submit more than one course for approval. A separate application form should be completed for each course submitted.

12. Is there a limit on the number of providers/ courses that will be approved?

No. We want to encourage a range of training courses that will meet a range of training needs for senior leads. Courses that meet the minimum quality standards

and can demonstrate that they can deliver against the learning outcomes will be put forward on the approved provider list.

13. What will the appeals process be?

Further information on how to appeal if your course(s) has failed to meet the quality criteria will be provided with feedback on the outcome of your application for quality assurance.

If a training provider has further questions, please email
mentalhealthQA@leedsbeckett.ac.uk



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