**Educational Psychology Service**

**Statutory Advice Contractors**

Lambeth Special Educational Needs Team are currently initiating X EHC needs assessments per month. Lambeth EP service does not have the capacity currently to manage the demand for statutory advice that these needs assessments generate. We are therefore seeking to commission external providers to complete statutory advice that cannot be managed in-house.

Not all schools in Lambeth have been able to procure an Educational Psychology Service in the current academic year. Consequently, requests for EHC needs assessments do not always include evidence of Educational Psychologist involvement or appended assessment reports. Where the Local Authority agree to undertake a needs assessment in these cases, a complete psychological assessment is sought.

In other cases, requests for needs assessments include a comprehensive Educational Assessment. The Code of Practice states that if the existing report is deemed ‘sufficient’ no further assessment can be requested. In these circumstances the Local Authority may request a review of the current provision based on the recommendations in the existing report and a supplementary review report will be requested, summarising the child’s needs and specifying outcomes and provision as identified in the existing report, amended as appropriate on the evidence in the review.

This questionnaire seeks the views and opinions of Limited Companies supplying Educational Psychology Services who may be interested in delivering this service.

The deadline to complete this brief survey is **Date 20 August 2023**

Service Aims:

* Provide statutory advice within the specified timescale.
* Identify special educational needs, desired outcomes in the context of child and family aspirations, and recommended provision to achieve those outcomes in order to enable the Local Authority to determine whether and EHC Plan should be made and to determine the appropriate level of support and educational placement.

This may include:

* Face to face and/or online assessment of the child or young person
* Face to face and/or online meetings with school staff, other agencies working with the child or young person and parents or carers.

Service Requirements:

* To provide Educational Psychologists registered with the Health and Care Professions Council to practice as Educational Psychologists to undertake psychological assessment the special educational needs of children and young people to identify and make recommendations for provision to achieve the identified outcomes (e.g., curriculum, adaptions to facilitate access to the curriculum, how adults should work/interact with the child, interventions as appropriate) but not specific placements, which will be determined by the Local Authority.
* Flexibility to meet with families (online if required) to fit in with their work commitments.
* Ability to respond promptly to requests for statutory advice and provide the advice within the required deadlines.
* Upload summaries of needs, desired outcomes within the context of the child and family’s aspirations and recommendations for provision onto the Local Authority’s online system.
* To have in place, or to make arrangements with the Local Authority, for the quality assurance of the work.

**ABOUT YOU**

1. **Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.
2. **Role:** Click or tap here to enter text.
3. **Email:** Click or tap here to enter text.
4. **Telephone no.** Click or tap here to enter text.
5. **Provider/business name:** Click or tap here to enter text.
6. **ODS Code:** Click or tap here to enter text.
7. **Have you had experience of delivering an Educational Psychology Service?** Choose an item.
8. **Please indicate whether you would be interested in delivering this service:** Choose an item.
9. **Please indicate your capacity for delivering this service:** Choose an item.

1. **Commissioners are keen to understand how we can work with providers to monitor and quality assure the service. Please indicate if any of the activities would be useful?**

Termly monitoring meeting with commissioners

Named contact person with whom to raise issues

Feedback from client on individual pieces of work

Other

1. **Commissioners are keen to explore with providers ways of delivering the service in the most cost-effective way. Please indicate if any of the options would be useful?**

Different levels of service according to whether a previous psychological assessment has been made

Different fee levels according to agreed criteria regarding the amount of additional work required

Discounted fees based on quantity of service commissioned

Other

1. **Commissioners are keen to understand any financial barriers to delivering the service. Below are suggested tariff prices.**

Please tell us whether you think this is fair renumeration for this service.

**Day rate £600 (or hourly equivalent)**

**Fixed fee £1200 per completed statutory psychological advice**

**Fixed Fee £600 per completed advice based on review of existing psychological assessment and recommendations**

Choose an item.

1. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about tariffs or financial renumeration/payment for this service?**
2. **Please use this space to provide any additional information or if you wish to expand on any of the responses within this survey.**

**Thank you & next steps**

Thank you for your time taken to complete this form. Please kindly send this to MSutoris1@lambeth.gov.uk