

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE – 8 NOVEMBER 2022

QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 34

Question asked by Sue Whiting

“I would like to ask the following question:-

Could the Chair please state how much training members of the Inclusion Team have in SEND, particularly in the Specific Learning Difficulties/difference/disability, as these are the children who can often be very anxious because of unmet provision for their needs?”

Response by the Chairman

All members of the Inclusion Team who carry out direct work with children and young people are expected to undertake training relevant to the young people that they are working with. The training undertaken includes Autism Awareness training levels 1&2 with some staff completing level 3 where this supports the direct work that they have completed with a child or young person. The whole service has completed training on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and Trauma Informed Responses. Members of the service have taken part in Thrive training and we have a licensed Thrive practitioner. Staff have also undertaken training in Emotional Literacy Support, Dyslexia and Neurodiversity, Emotion Coaching, Dyslexia Awareness, Building Emotional Resilience, Mental Health First Aid, Words and Pictures and Hearing awareness.

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Question asked by Jane Williams

“Panels make decisions on the lives of disabled children and can be the difference between getting the provision they need or not. Because these panels are so important to disabled children, can you confirm or deny if minutes are taken at all panel meetings and what the minimum required SEND law training for someone to be part of a panel?”

Response by the Chairman

The Local Authority are required to make a number of decisions relating to the SEND. In making these decisions, the Council is required to follow the relevant legislation and the related guidance set out in the [SEND Code of Practice \(2015\)](#).

There is no requirement for the Council to establish any Panel mechanism to make the above decisions. However, in common with most other local authorities, Leicestershire County Council have established a number of Panels to make these decisions. All decisions made by the Panel are recorded, communicated to parents/carers and added to the child’s case file.

There is no minimum training requirement for Panel members, but each person will be professionally qualified in their own field.

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