

**Families Gateshead
Market Place Event**

Psychological Service

Session Aims

- To raise awareness of the work of the Psychological Service.

Who are we?

- 6.7 Full time equivalent Educational Psychologists
- Carolyn Lamb – Principal Educational Psychologist

Vision

To raise attainments, promote emotional well-being and achieve positive outcomes for children and young people through the application of psychology to teaching, learning and behaviour. Through effective partnerships and collaborative working we aim to promote inclusive practice and to increase resilience within the most vulnerable children and for those with additional or special educational needs. We will respond to changing circumstances in creative ways to ensure that we remain a quality service, which is accessible to children and families living in Gateshead.

Where do we carry out our work?

- Schools
- Family Homes
- Private and Maintained Nurseries
- Children's Centres
- Youth Offending Institutions

Who do we usually work with?

- Children and Young People
- Education Staff
- Parents and Carers

Areas of Input

- Currently 0-19, due to be extended 0-25
- Mainly with schools via Service Level Agreements
- Early Years / Lets Start Learning
- Special needs Panel and Fair Access Panel
- Path Finder
- Families Gateshead
- Critical Incident / Bereavement Support

Children's Commissioning

Children Young Peoples' Service (CYPS)

Educational Staff

Who supports us in our work and who do we support?

Social Workers

Speech Therapists

Physiotherapists

Occupational Therapists

Approaches used

- Consultation – defining the issues, seeking solutions and ‘getting unstuck’
- Assessment- standardised, dynamic assessment and observation
- Therapeutic interventions
- Group work
- Staff training
- Systemic working

Families Gateshead input

- Training programme running from April 2013-March 2014. Open to staff from YOT, BSS, BAIT and FIT.
- SEN briefing, see flyers
- One term consultation / assessment pilot.
- Currently waiting to see if the Families Gateshead Board wish to recommission this service.

How to contact us?

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Any questions?

