

Eligibility	Offer	Next steps
Early Years Practitioners in IOA settings	<p>Mental Health First Aid Training Every Early Years setting within the Ipswich Opportunity Area is entitled to funded training for one staff member delivered by Mental Health First Aid England. This is an accredited course which enables the learner to fulfil the role of 'Mental Health First Aider' within the setting. The course is available online or as face to face delivery.</p> <p>Following completion of the course, participants will be invited to attend regular support seminars with Mental Health coach and trainer Penny Tynedale-Hardy. The aims of the seminar are to establish a network of MHFAs and ensure that practitioners are receiving the support they need to undertake the MHFA role.</p>	<p>Further details here https://mhfaengland.org/</p> <p>For more information contact Jemma Hudson IOA Early Years Lead Jemma.Hudson@suffolk.gov.uk</p>
EY settings within the IOA	<p>Highfield Resilience Tracker Every Early Years setting within the IOA is invited to send a member of staff to attend a free 90 minute introductory online course with Eileen Allpress introducing the Emotional Resilience Tracker.</p> <p>The tracker provides settings with a unique way for practitioners to monitor children's emotional development and resilience. Following the course, each setting will be provided with bespoke 1:1 support in order to effectively use the tracker within their setting.</p>	<p>The next date for the online introductory training is: Thursday 17th September 10am – 11.30am 2pm – 3.30pm 6pm – 7.30pm Please contact Jemma Hudson to book on: Jemma.Hudson@suffolk.gov.uk</p>
EY settings within the IOA	<p>WellComm Assessment Toolkit If your setting doesn't have a WellComm Assessment toolkit we will purchase one for you. We will also be offering funded training to support staff to use the WellComm pack in the most effective and accurate way – dates to follow. Existing WellComm users are also encouraged to attend.</p>	<p>Request your toolkit here</p>
EY settings within the IOA	<p>Funded support for EY practitioner literacy IOA have partnered with Read Easy Ipswich to offer managers of PVI settings the chance to nominate a colleague who may benefit from some sensitive and diplomatic support with their literacy skills. If you have a staff member who would be keen to receive weekly 1:1 literacy support from a trained Read Easy tutor please contact Jemma Hudson. The IOA will provide the setting with funding to pay for the time of the staff member. We appreciate that this may be a delicate subject for some practitioners, please rest assured that this is a discreet project.</p>	<p>Please contact Jemma Hudson to discuss this further Jemma.Hudson@suffolk.gov.uk</p>
IOA EY schools and settings previously involved in ELKLAN training	<p>Elklan We are pleased to announce that we will be continuing with fully funded ELKLAN training for those who were on the postponed level 3 and 4 courses from 2019/20. We have also secured online training resources to refresh practitioner's knowledge.</p>	<p>Please contact Jemma Hudson for further information Jemma.Hudson@suffolk.gov.uk</p>
EY settings with strong EYFS practitioners	<p>Early Years Network Support Leads We are looking for strong practitioners (ideally those with leadership roles) to mentor a provider/ practitioners within the IOA. We will fund each mentor practitioner's setting to provide half a day of flexible support each week during term time, providing mentors with coaching support and training to enable them to fulfil their role as effectively as possible. All participants will be supported to establish an IOA Early Years network.</p> <p>Additionally, if you are a new manager or feel that your setting would benefit from a mentor please contact Jemma Hudson. Similarly, the IOA will fund the cost of your time.</p>	<p>Please contact Jemma Hudson for further information. Jemma.Hudson@suffolk.gov.uk</p>
IOA maintained schools with a reception	<p>Reception practitioner grants</p>	<p>To apply for your grant contact Jemma Hudson IOA Early Years Lead</p>

year. Applications will need to present evidence of need for support in the targeted area of focus.	Grants are available for CPD or pupil interventions that have been demonstrated to support children in Nursery and Reception classes to rapidly achieve a good level of development by the end of Reception. Choose from a menu of options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Write Inc. Phonics, and Read Write Inc.for Nursery • I CAN Talk Boost • I CAN Early Talk Or apply for a similar suitable course that focuses on the early learning goals your school or setting is keen to develop. Programmes must have a strong evidence base, such as those highlighted by the EEF's Early Years toolkit	Jemma.Hudson@suffolk.gov.uk
All IOA education settings and stakeholders	Year 4 IOA Programme Launch To get further details about the offers available, and hear more about the support settings will get over 2020-21, join Jemma at the online IOA programme launch on Wednesday 16th September at 2pm	Book your place now: https://ioayear4.eventbrite.co.uk

Funded offers from the IOA will be communicated to schools and settings over the 2020-21 academic year, allowing us to respond to the needs and capacity of schools:

Wave 1 Offers – September 2020

Wave 2 Offers – Nov/Dec 2020

Wave 3 Offers – Late Feb 2021

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