Early Years and Primary School Mental Health and Wellbeing (pastoral) leads network.

**Background information**

Pastoral leads networks for secondary schools are in place across Hertfordshire and offer useful forums by which schools and relevant partner agencies can share information and work together supportively to address issues and highlight examples of best practice.

**Purpose of the Network**

* To provide an opportunity for professionals in Hertfordshire early years/primary schools to network, share best practice and challenges, and to link with relevant partners from across the Hertfordshire mental health system.
* To provide a focussed forum for discussions relating to whole-school mental health and emotional wellbeing.
* To enable a consistent approach across the whole county, but with the flexibility for local areas to discuss the issues most pertinent to them.

**The Model (Aligned to DSPL areas):**

**Frequency of meetings:**

Each area will meet once per term.

To accommodate the large number of schools within each area, meetings are virtual, taking place on MS Teams.

Nb. In some areas of the county there are mental health lead or other similar meetings, focussed on peer/group supervision or support. This network will complement rather than replace these groups.

**Roles and responsibilities:**

Co-chairs: DSPL Manager for each area will co-chair meetings with a volunteer from one of the attending schools

A Public Health and/or Emotional Wellbeing in Schools ( EMWie) team member will attend each meeting to provide county and national updates, and updates re CAMHS.

**Standing Agenda items:**

* County/national update
* Local update
* Sharing best practice/challenges

**Summer term meetings:**

Each year, at the last meeting of the academic year, ALL groups will cover the following:

1. Discussion around useful items that could be included on future agendas (relevant speakers/presenters can then be booked in advance).

2. Agree next year’s meeting dates/times.

3. Agree meeting chairs for the following year.