

## Context statement

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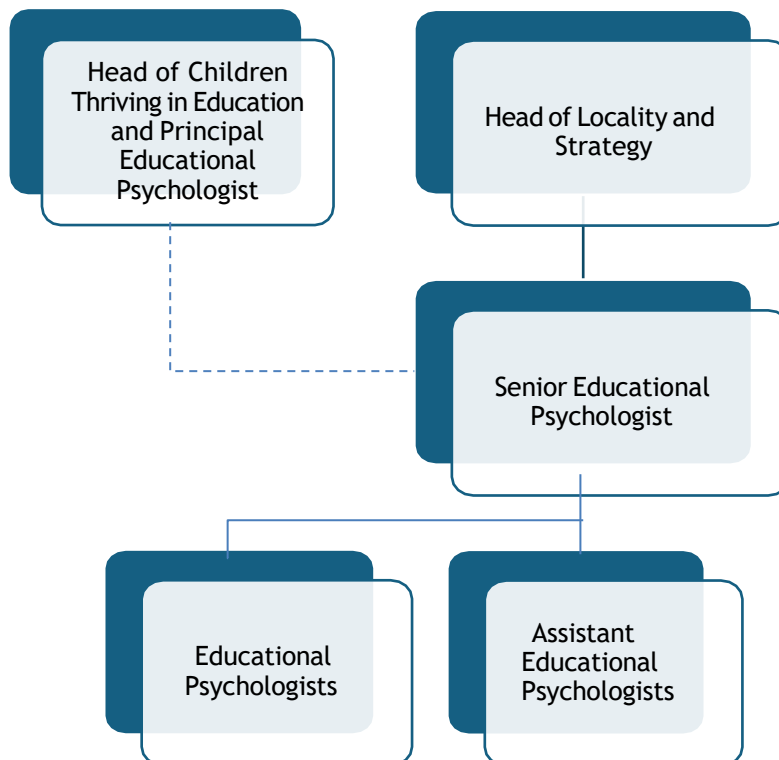
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**Job title: Senior Educational Psychologist**

**Directorate/Service/Team: People - Children's Services/ Education and Learning/Locality**

### Organisation Structure

Reporting to: Head of Locality and Strategy



### Context of Work

This position will have the core role to coordinate the work of the educational psychologists within a locality in line with the work of other Learning and Belonging professionals. The postholder will contribute to the leadership team within a locality and work with the Head of the Locality and Strategy and other leadership colleagues in the respective locality to ensure services are delivered seamlessly and adhere to professional standards and practice. In addition to leading on strategic priorities within the locality the senior educational psychologists will lead on strategic priorities for the directorate in line with the Children and Young People's plan alongside the Head of Children Thriving in Education and Principal Educational Psychologist.

This post has line management responsibilities and will take a lead on effective and efficient practice of the educational psychologists (EPs) to improve outcomes for specific groups of children and young people and their families within a locality area. They will be responsible for reporting on performance and practice of the EPs to ensure we know the impact of their work. The postholder may be asked to line manage other colleagues in line with the leadership of the Head of Children Thriving in Education.

The role will be to deliver supervision to educational psychology colleagues and other relevant colleagues requiring case supervision individually or in groups, ensuring safe practice and professional standards are met and developed. The role includes working with colleagues across the locality to identify when and how other practitioners may need psychological supervision and how this is provided.

Senior educational psychologists will have an outward facing role with our partner agencies to develop working practices and support the development of the wider workforce. This will include leading on network meetings and specific workstreams that are a priority for the locality and Dorset Council to implement strategic plans.

Senior educational psychologists contribute to the development of strong partnerships with schools, Police, NHS, voluntary and community sector and other local stakeholders to develop a place-based approach to promote the safety, well-being and achievement of children and young people in their locality.

Senior educational psychologists will assist the Head of Children Thriving in Education/Principal Educational Psychologist and other Senior Manager(s) within the directorate in the operational management of services and strategic planning and implementation. This could include the implementation of policies, strategies and projects in aiming to achieve service specific outcomes.

## Travel Requirement

This position has a significant travel requirement. This means that there is a requirement for a vehicle (or transport deemed to be suitable by the Council) to be available on most working days in order to carry out normal duties. Employees in positions with a significant travel requirement are required to provide a replacement vehicle if their usual vehicle is not available over an extended period.



## Other information

The postholder will require to work evenings and weekends as required to deliver marketing and training events.

This post involves working with children and/or having access to significant information about them and will be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service check.

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