

Thinking of a career as an Educational Psychologist?

Working as an Educational Psychologist (EP) is interesting, varied and rewarding. EPs' skills and knowledge are in high demand, and the areas of work are constantly developing. EPs work in a range of settings and with a wide range of service users. We support the learning, development and wellbeing of children and young people aged 0-25 years, and of staff in a variety of settings.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Educational Psychology (HIEP) is a service of qualified EPs and Trainee EPs employed by Hampshire County Council. We work with a range of organisations across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, including:

- Schools
- Pre-school settings
- Colleges
- Children's homes
- Other professionals e.g. social workers, specialist teachers, school improvement professionals, therapists
- Universities
- Voluntary sector organisations
- Families and children and young people

HIEP is one of the largest EP services in the UK and our service delivery areas are probably some of the most diverse. Our EPs have opportunities to undertake a range of different types of work and to be part of a large and supportive EP service. Our EPs are based in four area teams with office bases in Farnborough, Winchester, Basingstoke and Havant and we also work on the Isle of Wight. We provide work directly to settings in a traded capacity and provide core work to HCC for areas such as critical incidents and statutory SEN work. A week of EP work could see them training school staff, providing coaching or supervision, meeting with teachers and families in consultation, observing and meeting with young people. There is always a great variety.

Requests for work shadowing with HIEP

HIEP is fully committed to developing the profession of educational psychology and invests time and resources to support trainee EPs across all three years of their university doctoral training. EPs in the service act as Field Tutors for trainee EPs and provide supervision for individual trainee placements in years 2 and 3 of the doctorate training courses.

In addition, we frequently receive requests from those interested in the profession, who want to find out more about what EP work involves. We offer several sessions per year for interested people to attend and find out more about the profession and our work. These include an opportunity to meet with recently qualified EPs and to find out more about the training pathway involved and the application process.

Please refer to the link on our website - “Information sharing sessions for aspiring EPs” (in the Documents section) - for details of future events.

We are sorry that we are unable to provide work shadowing on an individual basis.

Useful sources of further information

The website below gives more information about the profession and about training to become an EP. It includes information about initial psychology degree courses as well as whether qualifications allow for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership of the British Psychological Society. There are links to information about each of the 13 doctoral training courses.

www.edpsy.org.uk

The British Psychological Society also has useful websites where you can find out more about a career in psychology.

www.bps.org.uk/public/become-psychologist

www.bps.org.uk/member-microsites/division-educational-child-psychology

Further information about Hampshire and Isle of Wight Educational Psychology is available on our website.

www.hants.gov.uk/educational-psychology