**UPDATE: Announcement re DfE launch of senior mental health lead training and refresh of PHE/ CYP Mental Health Coalition document whole school and college approaches now co-branded with DfE**

 **Senior mental health lead training launch update**

From Tuesday 21 September 2021, DfE will be encouraging schools and colleges committed to implementing a whole school or college approach to mental health **to begin booking quality assured training for their senior mental health lead**. Further information and links to tools to help senior mental health leads to select and book one of over sixty five courses can be found here [gov.uk guidance](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fguidance%2Fsenior-mental-health-lead-training&data=04%7C01%7CClaire.Robson%40phe.gov.uk%7Ca35b1a49bd744a1e788708d97c5064d8%7Cee4e14994a354b2ead475f3cf9de8666%7C0%7C0%7C637677506994815078%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=gyyV6WZtl4LA3DJL3yur7MtqM3AwLPTWRaHqG%2B3wmFk%3D&reserved=0) including how to subsequently get a £1200 grant from DfE to cover or contribute towards costs incurred.

**Refreshed Whole School or College Approach guidance**
DfE, PHE and the Children and Young People’s Mental Health Coalition have worked together to also update [guidance](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1019467/Promoting_children_and_young_people_s_mental_health_and_wellbeing.pdf) on whole school or college approaches to mental health and wellbeing, reflecting the most recent children and young people’s mental health prevalence data and the role of the senior mental health lead in implementing approaches.

**A copy of the press release is available** [here](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fnews%2Ftraining-launched-for-mental-health-leads-in-schools-and-colleges&data=04%7C01%7CClaire.Robson%40phe.gov.uk%7C04d3382f54504f0b830f08d97da0f156%7Cee4e14994a354b2ead475f3cf9de8666%7C0%7C1%7C637678952520045184%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=e6ukfsQVJ5KdPx%2BcnnrUR6eSoM3M5EYqBiM9ZIMSjRI%3D&reserved=0).

**Senior mental health leads in schools and colleges can now book a DfE-funded training course**

DfE, PHE and the Children and Young People’s Mental Health Coalition have published updated [guidance](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1019467/Promoting_children_and_young_people_s_mental_health_and_wellbeing.pdf) on ***Promoting children and young people’s mental health and wellbeing – a whole school or college approach***

From 21 September, state funded schools and colleges can book a place on a training course to help them implement an effective whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing, supporting recovery from the impacts of the pandemic.

Over sixty-five courses are available for school and college senior mental health leads, for all levels of experience, learning needs and preferences. DfE is providing grants for up to a third of all schools and colleges to access training in 2020/21, as part of a commitment to offer this training to all schools by 2025.

To find out more about developing a whole school or college approach, learning outcomes for senior mental health leads, what training courses are available, and more information about **how to access a grant**, please visit [this page](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/senior-mental-health-lead-training).