

WELL - Cluster Wellbeing Funding

Dear Headteacher

Following helpful feedback through the West LASL structure, WELL has revised one of the WELL Milestones, which has been approved by our Grant Sponsors.

This change is as follows:

**Old Milestone** - Completion of Mental Health First Aid Train the Trainer Programme to secure capacity to widen the training offer by 31/12/2022

**Revised Milestone** - Provide access to high quality proven interventions to build internal school capacity to improve pupil's emotional resilience and readiness to learn by 31/07/2022

Our strategy to achieve this revised Milestone is based on an opportunity for clusters/consortia to work collaboratively in exploring, implementing and evaluating promising/proven interventions to benefit the Wellbeing of children and young people. Therefore, the West LASL clusters and Western Secondary Heads will be offered a grant to enable participation in this WELL element. This will enable a collaborative approach, the most efficient use of resource and time required for planning requirements etc. We will take into account the number of schools in each cluster when making the cluster grant offer. Please note that grants will be paid to a cluster and will therefore require one school in each cluster to act as the grant recipient.

We recognise that a number of schools within Allerdale and Copeland are linked into other LASL areas. We will communicate separately with these schools how they can still take advantage of this opportunity.

We will provide further details about how to access the cluster grants to each cluster lead in a separate communication and will be able to clarify further at the next meetings for West LASL and Western Secondary Heads soon.

Cumbria Research School has developed a [short webinar](#) in relation to social and emotional wellbeing, including some useful references to evidence informed approaches. One of our grant conditions for this element will include an expectation that schools take time to view this webinar. It will support you to make an informed cluster choice of intervention. We are keen to balance professional judgement, the context of each cluster and the best available research and evidence. The evidence base for the intervention/approach you opt for can therefore be external or be based on strong evidence of promise within your own cluster/locality.

We look forward to working with you on this important priority.

Best wishes

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