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Dear Lynne

On 1 July I wrote to you with information on the number of schools and teaching staff who have received training on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) from the ACE Hub. This followed a request for this information during my evidence to Committee on 20 June.

My letter noted that the information provided by the Hub required further work to refine the data as, at that point, the Hub did not fully capture data on how many staff receive training, which operates on a cascade basis, in each area of Wales. To obtain this information the Hub needed to ask individual trainers, schools and consortia and I undertook to write again once the Hub had collated this information, which I have now received and which I attach for your information.

I understand you recently visited the Hub to discuss their work with schools. I hope you found the meeting informative and now have a clearer picture of the work of the Hub, its impact and the links between ACEs and our wider whole school approach to emotional and mental wellbeing activity.

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Health and Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services for information.

Yours sincerely

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## **Update on training in the education sector from the ACE Hub**

### **Background**

The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Hub has been delivering training to primary and secondary schools across Wales. Funding from Welsh Government Education Department has provided for one education lead, who has developed and delivered the training using a cascade model. This has been the only way to ensure that training can be offered to all schools in Wales (the commitment in the Hub's 2019-20 delivery plan), and to create a sustainable model that will ensure that delivery is embedded.

The Hub convened an expert panel to advise on the methodology of the roll out of this training. This panel advised that the four Education Consortia should be engaged to support the roll out. The EAS consortia was identified as the main pilot site from which the primary school training could be evaluated. For secondary schools, three schools were identified to pilot the approach.

Information comprises the current numbers, by consortia area, of schools trained up until July 2019. These figures make the assumption that all trainers deliver at their own school setting as a minimum. However, some trainers deliver to a cluster of schools so these figures are likely to be much higher. The Hub estimates that two thirds of schools across Wales have received training.

### **What else has the Hub achieved?**

The Hub has also trained other workforce in this sector including 140 Estyn Inspectors and over 120 youth workers, who are now trained trainers to deliver to that sector.

Research has already proven that trauma informed practice in schools reduces absence, and increases attainment and, anecdotally, we are seeing that evidenced in the schools that have received the training.

Going forward the Hub will continue to deliver training for the rest of this year, and if future funding is agreed, continue to develop the phase 3 of the training to ensure that the learning is embedded into the schools through action plans. The Hub will also progress the work to ensure that this training forms part of PGCE and teacher training qualifications. The Hub is working with Higher Education institutions across Wales to embed learning in courses and relevant modules<sup>1</sup>.

### **Headline Numbers**

Total numbers of Train the Trainers and Spectrum (Domestic Abuse) Staff trained – 432

Total number of schools - Approx 610 (likely to be much higher as some trainers deliver to a whole cluster of schools).

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<sup>1</sup> NB the Welsh Government is also working with universities to develop ITE and existing teacher training materials as part of its whole school approach. The work of the Hub to-date will inform and be subsumed within that work.

## **Consortia specific numbers**

### **EAS**

All 252 schools have now received Phase 1 (ACE awareness)

All primary and secondary schools will have completed Phase 2 (Trauma Informed Practice) by the end of spring 2020

Train the Trainer- Approximately 65 trainers are now trained to deliver across their cluster to ensure sustainability for the future.

### **CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIA**

Train the Trainer- 109 trainers have now been trained to deliver at schools in Merthyr, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Vale, and Bridgend. CSC includes over 400 schools.

Cardiff- Train the Trainers 72 to train the primary and secondary schools. 3 further train the trainer dates are booked for October. Expected that all Cardiff schools will have received Phase 1 by spring 2020.

All CSC Challenge Advisors have received delivery of Phase 1.

Healthy Schools Co-ordinators - 12 trainers able to deliver Phase 1 at their supported schools in CSC.

Whole school delivered by ACE Lead – 3 schools- Sir Richard Gwyn Secondary, All Saints Primary Barry and Cwmdare Primary Aberdare.

Merthyr Schools- Phase 1 delivered at 12 schools in the LA. Pen-Y-Dre Secondary, Afon Taf Secondary, Bishop Hedley Catholic Secondary, Cyfarthfa High School, Heolgerrig Primary, Twynyrodyn Primary, Ysgol Y Graig Primary, Santes Tudful Primary, Caedraw Primary, St Aloysius Catholic Primary and Coed-Y- Dderwen Primary and Greenfield Special School.

### **ERW**

52 Cluster Leaders of Learning trained to deliver Phase 1 and 2 at their own school settings.

Neath/ Port Talbot- 65 Designated Safeguarding Officers able to deliver at their own school settings in both Phase 1 and 2.

Powys- 39 trainers able to deliver at their own school settings in both Phase 1 and 2.

Penygaer Primary Llanelli trained by ACE Lead in whole school Phase 1 and 2.

Pembrokeshire schools train the trainer booked for November.

### **GWE**

All GWE staff have received Phase 1.

Denbighshire- Prestatyn High School and all 9 feeder primaries received Phase 1 training – 320 staff in total 10 schools.

Conwy and Wrexham schools train the trainer booked for the autumn.