



# VRU EDUCATION INCLUSION WEBINARS 2021

**The West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit are running a series of webinars stemming from our Education Toolkit which launched late last year. The toolkit brings together the expertise of various disciplines across the education sector including Public Health, Educational Psychology, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Early Help.**

It has been co-produced by a number of Education professionals across the region to improve understanding of trauma and to provide guidance and support on how to help young individuals overcome difficult situations.

The webinars will unpack some of the themes explored in the toolkit, with key speakers delivering the sessions listed below.

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# WEBINAR TIMETABLE

Session	Date	Lead(s)
<b>Speech, Language and Communication Needs</b> SLCN awareness and national practice	18th May 9.00am - 12.00pm	Claire Westwood   Speech and Language Lead at the WM VRU SALT experts in YOT, Liaison and Diversion, Prison Service, Alternative Provision and PRUs
<b>Wellbeing and Mental Health</b> Measuring wellbeing across education and collaborative partnership approach	18th June 10.00am – 12.00pm	Dr Jayne Holt Assistant Principal for Workforce Development and Learning Services Dr Deborah Benjamin Senior Educational Psychologist Colin Palmer   Senior Researcher Coordinator Research Fellow Youth Mental Health Chief Superintendent Kim Madil Andrea Packer Interim Head of Student Services and Wellbeing and Designated Lead
<b>Educational Psychology</b> VRUs, their work and the role of the Educational Psychologist	23rd June 11.00am – 12.30pm	Dr Melissa Jones Senior Educational Psychologist
<b>Trauma Informed Approach</b> Trauma Informed approach within education and wider partners	28th June 9.30am – 12.00pm	Ben Curtis Trauma-Informed Strategic Co-ordinator Hayley Walton WM VRU Education Delivery Manager
<b>Contextual Safeguarding and Exploitation</b> Contextual safeguarding and exploitation practice within schools / education	5th July 9.00am – 12.00pm	Jade Hibbert WM VRU Exploitation Lead
<b>Alternative Provision / PRUs and VRUs</b> PRUSAP, Alternative provision / PRU's; connectivity and engagement with VRUs	9th July 10.00am – 12.30pm	Sarah Dove President of PRUsAP

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