

## Barnet Partnership for School Improvement (BPSI)

### Why we charge for some courses

The BPSI training programme began its life as a mainly inclusive benefit of BPSI membership but over the years it has put on a bit of weight. This is largely inevitable as new training is required but we are often loathe to delete courses that have been around for a while but still remain popular. In the early stages of BPSI this was a concern, especially as we didn't want to raise the subscription levels. Indeed we managed to retain the same level of subscriptions for 5 years but we have had to adopt a few tweaks to achieve this.

When Barnet's Safeguarding Board decided to no longer provide training, BPSI decided to step in and offer these courses. As this was a significant cost we had to levy a charge.

When schools asked us to provide the various Edge Hill University courses, again we had to make a charge but we ensure that accessing these courses via BPSI will always be cheaper than going direct. Schools are also able to make use of their BPSI hours as part payment.

Schools also requested longer term programmes that continue throughout the academic year. These programmes are more resource intensive so rather than make a monetary charge we responded to schools' requests to have more flexibility using their BPSI Hours. So on these courses you will see the charge is levied as a certain number of BPSI hours.

We don't like charging extra and making everything included would be a lot simpler for us but as with all of us, we need to make ends meet.

Also remember that not all charges are from BPSI. Governor Services and SEND also charge on some of their courses.

If you would like more information about pricing generally or for a specific course do get in touch – [carrie.waldren@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:carrie.waldren@barnet.gov.uk)

