



**How to Apply for your**

**Senior Mental Health**

**Lead Grant**

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If you're looking to use the DfE Senior Mental Health Lead grant to pay for your course and have not already applied for the grant, please make sure you complete your application online for your school's grant funding from the Department of Education.

1.

Visit gov.uk where you will find published guidance for your school Mental Health Lead grant and the learning outcomes you can expect to be covered in our course.

The screenshot shows the gov.uk website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the GOV.UK logo, a search bar, and dropdown menus for 'Topics' and 'Government activity'. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail reads: 'Home > Education, training and skills > Pupil wellbeing, behaviour and attendance > Health, safety and wellbeing in schools'. The main content area is titled 'Guidance' and features the heading 'Senior mental health lead training'. A sub-heading reads: 'Find out how your school or college can apply for a grant and access DfE quality assured training to help develop a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing.' Below this, it states 'From: Department for Education', 'Published 2 June 2021', and 'Last updated 26 July 2022 — See all updates'. There is a button to 'Get emails about this page'. A section titled 'Applies to England' is highlighted. To the right, a 'Related content' section lists several links: 'National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL)', 'National professional qualifications (NPQs) reforms', 'Supporting mental health in schools and colleges', 'Mental health and wellbeing provision in schools', and 'Transforming children and young people's mental health provision'. On the left side of the page, there is a 'Contents' section with a list of links: 'Overview', 'What the training covers', 'Who the training is for', 'Before you apply for a training grant', 'Applying for a grant', 'Access DfE quality assured training', and 'Providers of training'.

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## Learning outcomes for senior mental health leads in schools and colleges

June 2021

# 2.

Access the learning outcomes which will be covered in our training.

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Guidance

## Senior mental health lead training: conditions of grant for the 2022 to 2023 financial year

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Applies to England

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### 1. Introduction

The Department for Education (DfE) is offering a grant of £1,200 for eligible state-funded schools and colleges to start quality assured senior mental health lead training in the 2022 to 2023 financial year.

Eligible settings that want to develop, or introduce, their whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing are encouraged to apply for a grant if they have identified a senior mental health lead who can begin training by 31 March 2023.

The government remains committed to offering senior mental health lead training to all eligible state-funded schools and colleges by 2025.

Settings that have already claimed a grant in the 2021 to 2022 financial year are not eligible to apply for another grant. This includes academy converters where a claim was made by the predecessor school.

### 2. Purpose of the senior mental health lead training grant

Grants will be provided to cover, or contribute towards, the cost of DfE quality assured training to be undertaken by a senior member of school or college staff who will become the senior mental health lead for that setting. The training will develop the knowledge and skills to implement an effective whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing in their setting.

All eligible education settings can benefit from senior mental health lead training, and courses are available to meet a variety of learning needs and preferences of senior leads depending on their level of experience, type of setting or location.

# 3.

Further information on how to access and apply for your DfE grant funding can be found below (grant application service), alongside the grant conditions your school or college must meet in order to be eligible for a grant.

[Grant application service >](#)

[Grant conditions >](#)

## Senior mental health lead training grant application - step 1

We are offering eligible schools and colleges (settings) a grant of £1200 to pay for senior mental health leads "senior lead" training.

The grant must be used to pay for DfE quality assured training that provides a senior lead in your setting with the knowledge and skills to implement and sustain a [whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing](#). [\(opens in new tab\)](#) Grants are available for around a third of all state schools and colleges in the 2022 to 2023 financial year, with the aim of offering grants to all settings by 2025.

If your setting is ready to develop or implement a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing, and has a senior lead available to commence training by 31st March 2023, you should apply now using this form.

This form can only be submitted by individual settings, this includes distinct institutions that have a campus ID but are part of a larger further education college. Settings within a single or multi-academy trust must apply individually.

State funded education settings in receipt of ESFA pre-16 revenue, high needs block, or 16 to 19 programme funding settings are eligible to apply for a grant. [Further information on types of eligible settings can be found in the conditions of grant](#). [\(opens in new tab\)](#)

### Before you start,

- you will need
  - commitment from your school or college senior leadership team to develop a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing
  - to have identified a senior lead, who will receive the training in the 2022 to 2023 financial year, and oversee your settings whole school or college approach
  - to have [read the accompanying published guidance](#) [\(opens in new tab\)](#) and reflected on the [learning outcomes](#). [\(opens in new tab\)](#)

You'll also need to have a [DfE Sign-in account](#) [\(opens in new tab\)](#)

[Start now >](#)

# 4.

Please quote course code:

**SMHL138**

for Connex Academy's Senior Mental Health Lead Course when applying for your grant.



# 5.

Once your grant is approved, please email us at:

**[info@connex-academy.com](mailto:info@connex-academy.com)**

to confirm your place.





# 6.

We will provide you with your Welcome Pack and introduction activities.

If you have been unsuccessful with your funding application, do not worry, we may still be able to help you.

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