

## Information Sheet

<b>Agency/Sector</b>	<b>Learning Mentor Service</b>
<b>Contact details</b>	Questions about training and professional development opportunities for Learning Mentors need to be directed initially to Andrew Bull, Consultant for Workforce Development, based at Rockingham Professional Development Centre. His contact details are tel: 01709 740226 or <a href="mailto:Andrew.bull@rotherham.gov.uk">Andrew.bull@rotherham.gov.uk</a>
<b>Outline of Service Provided</b>	The Learning Mentor service was established through Excellence In Cities (EiC), aiming to help pupils overcome barriers to learning. E.g. loss of motivation, poor attendance, lack of confidence, social and study skills, difficulties with personal organisation or behaviour, the impact of long term sickness, as well as providing targeted support for vulnerable groups including 'looked after children'.
<b>Referral</b>	Systems of referral to Learning Mentors are decisions taken by each school but often they are through the Head of Year or SENCO. Parents can discuss the possibility of their child accessing support from a Learning Mentor with the Head of Year or SENCO.
<b>Restrictions on work carried out e.g. age group/funding/geographical area</b>	Learning Mentors were originally employed in schools with additional EiC funding although many other schools now recruit them as part of their workforce. However, Learning Mentors are still not available in all schools.
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