



INITIAL TEACHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP MENTAL HEALTH AWARD

An accreditation and development tool to strengthen the mental health in initial teacher training settings

WHAT DOES THE AWARD COVER

The award takes a whole ITE partnership approach to mental health and covers eight key competencies each with a series of statements that ITE partnerships such as HEIs, SCITTs, School Direct Partnerships and other ITE partnership organisations will work to embed.

The eight competencies are:

- Leadership and Strategy
- Organisational Structure and Culture – trainees
- Organisational Structure and Culture – staff
- Support for trainees
- Support for Staff
- Professional development and learning
- Working with partner schools
- Working with external services

WHAT IS THE PROCESS

The award process allows ITE Partnerships to make mental health and wellbeing a guided strategic priority. The ITE Partnership will develop an implementation plan and guide the partnership through a process of building the skills and knowledge needed to bring about whole ITE partnership improvements in mental health and wellbeing.

The ITE partnership will work with an allocated coach to create a personalised action plan. You will develop a portfolio of evidence set against the competencies of the framework. Once submitted, your evidence will be verified against the three levels: bronze, silver and gold. As well as being recognised as a thought leader in Mental Health and Wellbeing for your trainee teachers and partnership colleagues you will have the opportunity to showcase your practice with other ITT providers engaging in research and support the building of a professional community.

“As a SCITT we are committed to ensuring that our trainee teachers learn about mental health from the start of their training - making the promotion of positive mental health central to both their individual career, and the school communities they’ll work within over the course of their career.

Working towards the framework has given us the confidence to know the work we are undertaking with our trainee teachers and in our wider partnership is impactful and the steer and guidance to further develop our practice.”

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WHY ATTAIN THE AWARD

The ITE Partnership Mental Health Award is an assessment and development tool to evaluate current practices and initiatives within your teacher training Partnership. It enables evaluation of the overall mental health and wellbeing support and strategies that exist within all partnership settings in your Partnership whilst also helping to give structure to the development plan for improvements in mental health.

This Award acknowledges achievements in supporting your Partnership community’s mental health through a recognised and respected quality mark. The Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools Award will support Partnerships to improve the health and wellbeing of their trainees and their staff, improve outcomes for trainees and improve the recruitment and retention of staff.

The ITE Partnership Mental Health Award acts as a meaningful tool that helps educational systems to examine, improve and build emotionally healthier environment for children, trainees and staff.

HOW MUCH DOES THE AWARD COST

The Cost of the Award is £495+VAT. The award lasts for three years from the final verification call.

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