

Independent training opportunities through Elklan

What's happening?

This is an exciting time for Elklan because with the changes in Government policy in the NHS and the education sector there are new opportunities to sell training directly to schools as an independent tutor. We are frequently approached by schools and individual learners to see if we can provide training courses in their locality.

How is Elklan responding?

To meet this need we are actively recruiting tutors who we can approach to train under our auspices. We have created a register of independent Elklan tutors and from 1st April 2011 we are asking all independent therapists to be on this approved list if they want to deliver training privately.

Why can't I train independently without being an independent Elklan tutor?

With the increase in the number of providers in the marketplace in the future we need to protect our excellent reputation and ensure that the highest standards of conduct are maintained if people are training on our behalf. Attendance at the induction day and compliance with Elklan policies and procedures will mean that we can continue to command the respect of the population we serve.

How will this work?

Courses will be commissioned in three ways.

1. As now through local PCT's/LEA's this will continue and be unaffected by these procedures.
2. Elklan will be approached by schools, organisations, commissioners to supply a course. In this instance Elklan will act as a broker and match up independent Elklan tutors with organisations. The independent Elklan tutor will be paid a fee as detailed on the website.
3. Independent Elklan tutors will be approached by schools, organisations, commissioners to supply a course. The tutor will need to inform Elklan of ALL courses that are being run whether accredited or non-accredited and the number of learners attending.

How do I become an up independent Elklan tutor?

SaLT's who are not Elklan trained need to attend a two day train the trainers' course, these are run in London, Salford and Dublin at various times throughout the year and are advertised in the Quick Look Dates (QLD) section of the Bulletin and on our website www.elklan.co.uk. They will then join existing Elklan tutors on the induction web based training detailed below.

SaLT's who are already Elklan trained need to attend an evening web based induction evening, these will be held regularly throughout the year. Dates for the induction evenings will be advertised on our website and applications can be made on-line.

Can I organise my own courses without letting Elklan know?

If you are working for a PCT or LEA then you can organise the courses as you do now and inform us using the Programme Registration form (PRF) which is available on the website.

If you are working independently you **must** let Elklan know about **all** the courses you run using the PRF. You must supply us with a list of all the learners attending and agree to abide to the terms and conditions as laid down in the Elklan manual which will be supplied to you when you apply for the induction evening.

Which courses can I teach?

You will be able to teach any of the courses as long as you have the requisite experience and have purchased the relevant manual. We will advise tutors on ways in which courses can be delivered more flexibly i.e. over 3 or 5 days if weekly contact is not possible.

Will I be asked to teach courses outside my locality?

Only if you indicate that you are willing to travel and the purchasers want the training to run more intensively. Where a number of trainers could potentially be interested courses will be offered on a rota basis to ensure equality.

Will I be employed by Elklan?

No. You will need to be self-employed and be responsible for you own taxation etc,

Will I need to attend additional meetings?

In order to maintain standards you will be expected to attend **one** of the Elklan annual meetings which is held in Belfast, Salford and London each year.

Will I have to pay more?

No, once registered as an independent tutor you won't be charged anymore but you will have more opportunities open to you.

How do I find out more?

Easy! Talk to Liz on 028 9029 6772 or email lizelks@elklan.co.uk

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