



## Department of Education Counselling in Primary Schools Pilot (CPS-P) 2023-2025

The Minister for Education has announced secured investment in piloting a programme of counselling supports for primary school pupils in the school years 2023-25. The pilot programme will be provided in all primary schools in counties Cavan, Laois, Leitrim, Longford, Mayo, Monaghan and Tipperary.

Each school in the pilot will be given access to counselling supports (as determined by the Department of Education) under the pilot.

The National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS) on behalf of the Department will establish county panels of pre-approved counsellors to provide in-person one-to-one counselling to support primary school pupils in these counties.

NEPS is now seeking applications from accredited members of one of the following professional bodies: the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI); Irish Association of Humanistic and Integrative Psychotherapy (IAHIP); Irish Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy (IACP); Irish Association of Psychotherapy and Play Therapy (IAPTP); Association of Child Art Psychotherapists (ACAP) or one of the ten accrediting psychotherapy bodies within the Irish Council for Psychotherapy (ICP).

If you are interested in applying, and consider that you have the requisite qualifications and experience, please complete the attached application form and send to [CounsellingPilot@education.gov.ie](mailto:CounsellingPilot@education.gov.ie).

More detailed information is in the ***Terms & Conditions of Counselling in Primary Schools Pilot (CPS-P) 2023-25*** document.