GREAT NEWS - FREE ONLINE TRAINING ON ASTHMA NOW AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS

 Dear Colleague

Asthma is the most common long-term medical condition in children and young people (CYP) in the UK. Around 1 in 11 CYP are living with asthma every day and poor control can not only impact physical health but also psychological health and educational attainment.

 It is important that each professional in contact with the CYP is trained to a level that is relevant to the role they may play in a child or young person’s life.

Health Education England (HEE) have recently published online courses to support professionals who are in contact with CYP with asthma. We would like to encourage all teachers, children's support workers, social workers, and youth leaders across Suffolk and North East Essex to undertake the free, hour-long Tier 1 course now available.

 If anyone would like slightly more detailed training, they are welcome to undertake Tier 2 training, which is also online and free.

The courses can be accessed through the HEE e-learning for health page: https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/children-and-young-peoples-asthma/ .

They are accredited by the National Capabilities Framework for Professionals who care for Children and Young People with Asthma.

 If your school would like to work with the asthma team to develop a safe, healthy, and inclusive environment for students with asthma and become an Asthma Friendly School, please contact Peter Broughton (contact details below)

***Best wishes***

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