# Professional development and consultation services

**Protective intervention training**

Protective intervention training helps school staff to prevent and manage behaviours of concern while reducing the need for physical interventions; de-escalate situations involving aggressive or violent behaviour and ensure the health and safety of students and staff.

If a school can demonstrate its staff are likely to need to use protective interventions during their work, they should receive clear guidance and appropriate training to reduce risk where risk is foreseeable.

The Department provides quality assured and centrally funded protective intervention training through Therapeutic Engagement Support Services (TESSA).

**How to access training for your school**

There are two options for accessing protective intervention training at your school:

1. Submit an Expression of Interest form to receive funding from the Department to cover the costs of training from TESSA.

* For assistance in filling out the form, your school can contact the central OHS Advisory Service at safety@education.vic.gov.au or call 1300 074 715.
* Your school will be notified of the outcome of the EOI and will be contacted to confirm a booking.

1. Directly procure training from a training provider of your choice.

* Your school does not need to use TESSA to provide protective intervention training. Schools can directly procure training in line with the Procurement – Schools Policy.
* However, your school must cover the costs of this training and make sure the training provider used complies with Department policies and guidelines, including the Restraint and Seclusion Policy and Guidance.

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