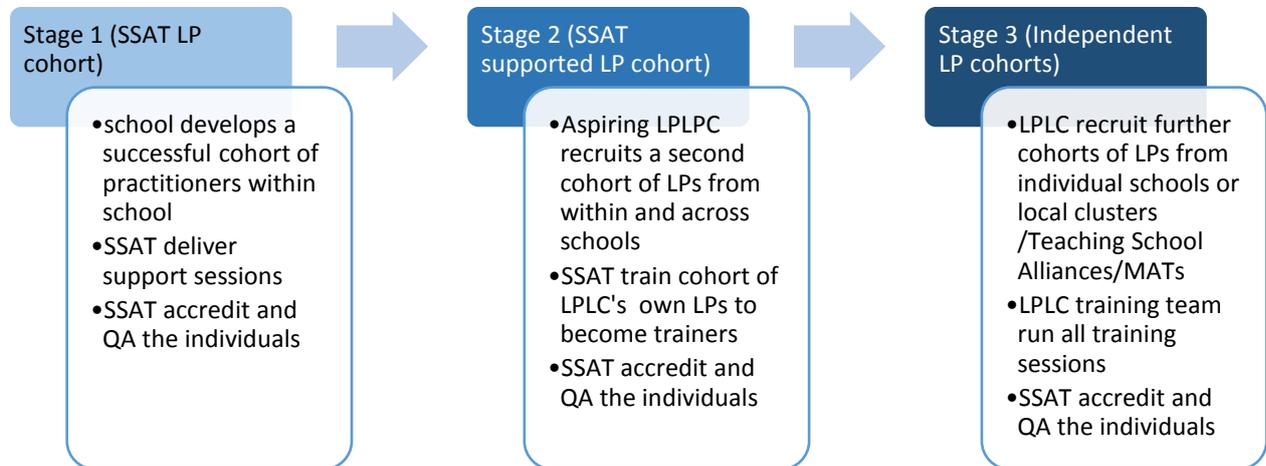


Becoming an SSAT Lead Practitioner Learning Centre (LPLC)



This proposal outlines how a school could develop its own cohort of Lead Practitioners who go on to become LP trainers and lead cohorts of aspiring Lead Practitioners from schools in their area. The stages below are approx. 1 year but this could be condensed or extending according to local context.

For schools with existing cohorts of Lead Practitioners it may be appropriate to begin at Stage 2.

If a school is interested in becoming a Lead Practitioner Learning Centre the first step will always be a discussion with the SSAT's LP team, to outline benefits and responsibilities

Stage 1 (SSAT LP Cohort)

- School identifies and recruits a team of outstanding practitioners and leaders who undertake the Lead Practitioner Accreditation. (This team could be from within your school or across different schools in an alliance or MAT)
- Within this cohort there would be 2-4 members who intend to go on to form the training team for the school. These individuals therefore need to have the necessary expertise, aptitude and capacity to enable this.
- This cohort of aspiring Lead Practitioners follow the LP process, attending two training sessions; Launch and Application Support, delivered by expert SSAT staff in school, including additional support for the identified future trainers.
- Through the process of Action Research these LPs work on one or more relevant local topics to their school/schools need.
- The cohort aims to submit their applications for a suitable LP moderation gateway (there are two a year in November and June).
- The individuals going on to become the LPLC trainers /facilitators need to be successful in their own LP accreditation before they are considered for training.
- This funding is covered in full by school for the whole cohort (may choose to recharge to other participating schools if part of a cluster group)

Costs:

Cost charged by SSAT (2018/19 prices)	Member price (exc VAT)
LP accreditation fee	£400 per person
LP support package (2 training sessions)	£2,200 per cohort of up to 25

The Lead Practitioner Learning Centre Status (LPLC)

- Discussion between school and SSAT about suitability and interest in the school being awarded the Lead Practitioner Learning Centre status which could allow it to deliver the programme, under a licence arrangement, to schools across the local area, alliance or MAT as appropriate.
- Meeting of LPLC eligibility criteria (provided on request) must be considered prior to discussion of potential licence as an SSAT LP Learning Centre.
- Note that LPLC status may be withdrawn if Quality Assurance processes identify any issues with the quality of the programme being delivered to schools.

Stage 2 (SSAT supported LP cohort)

- Following successful accreditation of its own LPs, the aspiring LPLC will launch a recruitment campaign, to enrol at least one cohort of aspiring SSAT LPs. This cohort could be comprised of practitioners from across any schools in the local area, cluster, Teaching School Alliance or Multi Academy Trust as appropriate.
- The LPLC will charge a fee per person to cover the cost of the LP accreditation fee to SSAT and the relevant training costs.
- The Launch and Application Support sessions are delivered by expert SSAT staff with the LPLC facilitators/trainers attending and interning as part of their training to become qualified to deliver the LP programme.
- In the same visit for each support session, the SSAT expert will deliver 'Train the Trainer' training for that session (Launch or Application Support) to enable them to become independent trainers/facilitators for the LP Programme.
- LPLC trainers will then shadow the session delivered by the SSAT expert.
- LPLC Facilitators/Trainers in their first year of delivery are offered ongoing support, by phone and email from SSAT.
- At the end of the programme the LPLC trainers are accredited and certified as qualified LP trainers.
- The LPLC can decide on the overall support package they offer as appropriate to their cohort – i.e. may include monthly or half termly twilights, monthly phone calls by the trainer to their allocated LPs, termly day conference, online forum and/or skype sessions. The decision on what is appropriate will depend on a variety of factors – location of schools, commonality of the LP projects, funding available, time commitment etc.)
- Fee charged: LPLCs can charge the participating schools an amount to cover the cost of the LP accreditation and a share of the training costs.

Costs:

Cost charged by SSAT	Member price (exc VAT)
LP accreditation fee	Per person fee as published for that academic year* (in 2018/19 this is £400 exc VAT - member price)
LP support Package – Launch and Application Support sessions. LPLC own future trainers intern on both sessions.	Support sessions fee * in 2018/19 year this is £2,200 exc VAT, member price
Additional ‘train the trainer’ training with the LPLC facilitators/trainers at both Launch and Application Support sessions (approx. 2 hours of additional time with the future trainers at each session)	£1,200 exc VAT, member price

**price subject to confirmation of SSAT’s charges in relevant school year (see 2018/19 prices as above for estimate)*

Stage 3 (Independent LPLC cohorts)

- Repeat recruitment process and provide the support programme again but with LPLC facilitators/trainers delivering all training sessions.
- The LP accreditation launch and application support sessions must be run according to SSAT programme but the LPLC may decide to provide additional support as appropriate for the cohort.
- LPLCs are provided with all training materials free of charge. Training materials are reviewed annually following SSAT QA processes.
- Fee charged: LPLC may charge the participating schools the per person cost of LP accreditation plus an additional fee to cover a share of the training costs as appropriate.
- At this stage it is likely the LPLC could, if desired, ensure the programme is income bearing for the LPLC. SSAT can provide costing advice on this.

Costs:

Cost	Member price (exc VAT)
LP accreditation fee	Per person fee as published for that academic year*

**price subject to confirmation of SSAT’s charges in relevant school year*