





Due to the fact that Herts is such a large county the working from home policy has become popular amongst EPs who often have to travel many miles between various schools and their office base. This has led me to the conclusion that by driving a Mini Cooper I am in need of a bigger boot as my car has become my office!

In terms of Statutory Assessment the Local Authority particularly favours numbers. This generally equates to the use of standardised tests. This appears to be a trend across schools; however my patch appears to be amenable to other forms of assessment, including functional assessment (comprising dynamic and curriculum based approaches).

Within the EPS there are opportunities for community based working including drop in sessions for parents worried about their child's progress. From September 2010 EPs will also be attached to Children's Centres with an aim to work more preventatively within the community.

Finally the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) has been welcomed in Herts with many training opportunities to help support Government recommendations in light of the Every Child Matters Agenda. This includes meetings led by a lead professional, and team around the child and child in need meetings. It is hoped that these practices will help to support more systemic working allowing stakeholders' greater access to professionals.