

Bromley Pathfinder – Factsheet

November 2013

<p>Education, Health & Care Plans</p>	<p>63 EHC Plans have now been completed as at the end of November 2013, and LBB is on target to complete 75 plans by the end of December, with full implementation of the complete end to end process in line with grant targets by January 2014. From September 2013, LBB has offered the option of an EHC plans for all new children meeting the threshold of more complex needs. See further EHC Plan update in ‘Topic of the Month’.</p>
<p>Local Offer</p>	<p>The draft LBB Local Offer can now be accessed at http://bromley.mylifeportal.co.uk/lbb-local-offer.aspx . Through support from Bromley Parent Voice and the Parent Partnership Service, schools are arranging to input on a template their contribution to the SEN and Disabilities Local Offer. This will include reference to top up funding, a banded funded formula above £6k and EHCP thresholds. LBB’s Early Support Booklet and the Borough’s Resource Guide have been fully updated and published. Further work is being developed. A consultant is working with us to further coordinate the local offer including looking at the health information component of the SEND local offer. Engagement with the provider market across education, care & health is being facilitated by stakeholder events in order to ensure as wide as possible coverage and understanding of the Local Offer.</p>
<p>Personal Budgets</p>	<p>Personal Budgets in Social Care are underway with new processes, include Support Planning commissioned from an independent voluntary sector organisation, being developed and existing processes being reviewed. The development of a Resource Allocation System is being progressed.</p> <p>A draft criteria for Personal Budgets in Education has been produced and is being reviewed by the project team. This is aligned with the 20 week EHC Plan timescale but currently leaves little room for slippage. Initial consultation with parents and third party groups have indicated that quite a tight criteria, particularly around schools’ views on what they might reasonably consider for the purpose of the use of direct payments, might be added to the criteria so as to avoid undue delays when draft plans are circulated. Bromley will state in the criteria that school place funding will not normally be disaggregated for the purpose of allowing a Personal Budget.</p>
<p>Parent, Children and young people involvement</p>	<p>This month Bromley Parent Voice has facilitated two parent consultation meetings on the draft SEND Code of Practice and transition arrangements. This included working with the Parent Partnership Service and Bromley Mencap who supported the meetings to ensure the widest representation of parent carers. Parents were given an overview of the draft Code of Practice and were given the opportunity to discuss key concerns and the transitional arrangements in small groups. Parents who were not able to attend the meetings were able to feedback their thoughts via a questionnaire. All the responses have been collated and a report is currently being written which will inform LB Bromley's and Bromley Parent Voice's responses to the national consultation and local transition arrangements. In addition, a parents guide to the Children & Families Bill has been co-produced with our Parent Carer forum.</p>
<p>Preparing for Adulthood</p>	<p>Bromley College were recently awarded some funding from Ambitious about Autism and the local authority are key partners in the new project called ‘Finished at School’ which aims to develop new and innovative models of support to enable young people with autism, including those with complex autism, to access education beyond school. This project compliments the Pathfinder activity and builds on previous partnership work. The national Preparing for Adulthood team has recently approached Bromley PfA Pathfinder colleagues and London Councils to develop a joint programme to support accelerated learning in London. We are hoping that the Champion event arranged for 14th January 2014 at the National Children’s Bureau will introduce a range of smaller borough based projects that will focus on key themes such as joint commissioning, curriculum development, workforce development and outcome based commissioning.</p>

	<p>We attended the NIACE event for post-16 providers and the Action for Inclusion event for colleagues involved in implementing change, both of which were incredibly useful for Bromley. We have made a range of contacts where best practice has been identified and are hoping to arrange some learning visits to other areas that will support our own knowledge and skills to implement the reforms more effectively.</p>
<p>Pathfinder Champion</p>	<p>See below for details of our upcoming Champion events. In addition we have been continuing with our 1:1 support with non pathfinder London local authorities, preparing for our early December Thematic Workshops (a) Monday 2 December – Local Offer, Co-ordinated Assessment and EHC Plans and (b) Friday 6 December – Engagement of Children, Young People and Parents. We have also been speaking with our Early Support Network and Preparing for Adulthood deliver partners about their support for Champion areas.</p>
<p>Pathfinder Events/Presentations</p>	<p>During November, we had five events (see below). We have also continued the 1:1 support for non-Pathfinder London local authorities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We hosted a Champion half day Principal Educational Psychologists workshop on Friday 8 November at Mott MacDonald, which was attended by most non-Pathfinder London local authorities. 2. On Wednesday 20 November, Helen Norris presented at the London Disabled Children Strategic Managers Network half day event at The Kings Fund, which was attended by most non-Pathfinder London local authorities. 3. Helen Norris presented on the SEND Pathfinder programme and the new Code of Practice at the National Association of Head Teachers Strategic SEN Group on Thursday 14 November. 4. Helen Norris presented on the SEND Pathfinder programme and the new Code of Practice at the National Association for Special Educational Needs (NASAN) London Regional Conference at Dexter House, Tower Hill on Thursday 28 November. There were approximately 150 delegates. 5. On Friday 28 November, at Mott MacDonald, we held a half day thematic workshop on Personal Budgets and EHC Plans, attended by around 36 delegates from across the London regions.