

<p>Education, Health & Care Plans</p>	<p>63 EHC Plans have now been completed as at the end of October 2013, and LBB is on target to complete 74 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. During October we built on to our September half day information session to key operational stakeholders and are implementing and refining the agreed new processes and timelines. This has included our Part 2 developing and agreeing across agencies the 20 week timeline chart for the plans, implementing new processes and procedures including multi agency meetings for all new children/young people who have taken the EHC option from 1st September whilst further developing the suite of letters to be sent to parents and multi agency partners to ensure legal timescales and processes are embedded. This work had included the SEN team with Education ,Health and Care (EHC) plan caseworkers from the team now attending the multi agency meetings and from this developing the Part 2 EHC plan draft to be shared with parents and partners. A number of meetings have been held to scrutinize the new draft SEN code of practice published on 4th October and the implications for Bromley. We have also planned awareness raising sessions and information for schools, parents and other key stakeholders for November. We have reviewed terms of reference for panels and the Children with Disabilities team (Social care) are looking at the implications of the draft code in relation to the care part of the EHC plan including further consideration of how completion of EHC plans can incorporate present CAF requirement. , access issues, aligning assessments and awareness raising across wider social care teams. IT and data to deliver the plan across agencies with access has been further explored including discussing development of the Portal Bromley MY life to store and achieve secure access across agencies to EHC plans. No decision has been made yet on system integration. Work is continuing with Pupil Resource agreements and support for children and young people below the threshold of an EHC plan.</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 . LBB has commissioned Bromley Parent Voice to facilitate a working group to ensure that the Local Offer portal is family friendly and accessible. Our Young Advisers will also be trialling the Local Offer and offering their feedback. A draft local offer template across universal, targeted and specialist services has been further developed and distributed across mainstream schools and other partners this has been co-produced with parents. 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.</p>
<p>Personal Budgets</p>	<p>Bromley is making good progress on Personal Budgets within Social Care and a cohort of 10 parents of young people aged between 13 and 16 are working with Support Planners in order to move towards their own Personal Budget. Processes for the introduction of Personal Budgets in Education are developing with a programme of regular meetings with special schools head representatives now underway. Need to summarise Hilary's topic of the month contribution here or say see topic of the month.</p>
<p>Parent, Children and young people involvement</p>	<p>This month Bromley Parent Voice has facilitated a group of parents to look at the Bromley MyLife Portal as the platform to host the Bromley Local Offer. This included working with Bromley Mencap who supported three parents with learning difficulties to participate in this project. Parents were invited to review the site, feedback their initial thoughts via a questionnaire before meeting to discuss the website. All the responses have been collated and a report is currently being written which will inform Bromley's next steps in how the Local Authority present their Local Offer.</p>

<p>Preparing for Adulthood</p>	<p>We ran a workshop on 30th September that focused on an outcome based approach looking at steps to build effective pathways for young people across the four pathways. The workshop was positively received and the next workshop (14th January) will reflect feedback and focus more on practical examples including EHC Plans, health pathways and support for those who do not reach the eligibility threshold for an EHC Plan.</p> <p>We attended the regional ‘countdown to implementation’ event in London hosted by the national PfA team and presented a workshop around Bromley’s approach, challenges, solutions and key lessons learnt. It was a very useful session which brought a range of partners together from across the country to develop plans for implementation.</p> <p>We are beginning to understand the most appropriate ways to embed health therapies into further education pathways both within a college setting and out in the community. We are working hard with our health partners to develop pathways for young people preparing for adult life.</p>
<p>Pathfinder Champion</p>	<p>Over the last month we have held 3 Champion events. We also continued the 1:1 support for the non Pathfinder London Boroughs.</p> <p>We held a <u>Preparing for Adulthood Workshop</u> on Monday 30th September at the National Children’s Bureau to discuss ‘Implementing the SEND reforms for young people aged 14-25 – an outcome based approach’. The workshop was attended by 55 people.</p> <p>On Friday 11th October we held our <u>London Regional Pathfinder Champion Conference: ‘The SEND Vision Becomes A Reality’</u> at the National Children’s Bureau which was attended by 87 people from across most London non-Pathfinder Local Authorities. We were delighted to welcome Peter Gibb from the DfE, Chris Easton from NHS England, Phillipa Stobbs, Assistant Director of the Council for Disabled Children , Kerry Hancock and representatives from National Pathfinder consultants Mott Mc Donald and Zara Todd and representatives of the VIPER project, all who spoke and contributed to workshops at our event. This regional conference was most timely being held 1 week after the launch of the new draft SEN code of practice. We were very grateful to Peter Gibb for taking us through the key highlights of the new legislation in his conference presentation</p> <p>A <u>Personal Budgets, Joint Commissioning and Health Engagement Workshop</u> was held at the National Children’s Bureau on Friday 18th October. It was attended by over 30 representatives from various London non-Pathfinder Local Authorities.</p> <p>Good feedback was received from all events. The Pathfinder Champion email account has received many questions from non Pathfinder authorities and we have signposted or offered support as appropriate. National Pathfinders evaluators SQW have asked that we contribute to a national Pathfinder case study on keyworking with a particular focus on Preparing for Adulthood and initial scoping meetings for this have held.</p>
<p>Pathfinder Events/Presentations</p>	<p>See above.</p>