

Bromley Pathfinder – Factsheet

January 2014

Education, Health & Care Plans	<p>72 EHC Plans have now been completed as at the end of January 2014, and LBB is likely to complete 96 plans by the end of March 2013, with full implementation of the complete end to end process. From September 2013, LBB has offered the option of an EHC plans for all new children meeting the threshold of more complex needs.</p> <p>Work is underway to consider developing and implementing an electronic management and business process system to support the Education, Health and Care Plans which seeks provide a single coordinated system which proactively manages the process within the relevant timeframes by using automatic notifications to create 'triggers' for people to complete the relevant actions and tasks within the specified timeframe. It will allow secure and controlled input from multiple professionals from different organisations, as well as parents and carers, and young people themselves, and it will provide a 'locked down' version of the final EHC Plan so that it cannot be amended outside of the formal review meetings. It will collate, store and manage comments and amendments on the draft EHC Plan from multiple professionals from different organisations, as well as parents and carers, and young people themselves. Two key events have been held to discuss Personal Budgets.</p>
Local Offer	<p>The draft LBB Local Offer can now be accessed at http://bromley.mylifeportal.co.uk/lbb-local-offer.aspx .</p> <p>Work is underway with key parents and carers, young people themselves, and key partner agencies to strengthen, enhance and develop the Local Offer to ensure that it effectively supports and informs parents and carers, and young people. The Local Offer has an explicit feedback facility to enable and encourage parents and carers, and young people themselves, to feed in their views on the Local Offer.</p> <p>The Local Offer 'home page' has had approximately 700 page views between 20 December 2013 and 30 January 2014.</p>
Personal Budgets	<p>Trials of Personal Budgets in Social Care are providing very good learning in terms of policy and process decisions that need to be made. There are varies levels of knowledge and understanding as regards support planning and brokerage which are emerging, with a realisation that brokerage can be as challenging and time consuming, if not more so, that support planning and this will need to be considered in terms of possible plans to commission these services for 2014/15.</p> <p>A draft document for parents and professionals has been produced, awaiting ratification from Bromley Parent Voice. The scale of the role of key workers in supporting parents in making good, sound choices has been highlighted and will need further consideration in Bromley's Workforce Development planning</p>
Parent, Children and young people involvement	<p>On the 6th December two Parent Representatives from Bromley Parent Voice shared their experiences of being involved in the Pathfinder project at the Pathfinder Champion seminar on Children, Young People and Parent engagement. During January Bromley Parent Voice has facilitated two parent consultation meetings on Short Breaks and their report will inform the Local Authority's review and Local Offer for Short Breaks. The Young Advisers have continued to work on how they can support young people to be involved in their EHC Plan.</p>

<p>Preparing for Adulthood</p>	<p>Bromley held a key PfA Champion event on 14th January which saw over 120 delegates attending from local areas, including young people, parents/carers, providers of education, health and care services, voluntary sector and colleagues from a range of different service areas in local authorities. The event focused on the statutory elements of the EHC Plan, workforce development, health engagement and transitional arrangements from statements and LDAs to EHC Plans. The event also introduced four themed areas that will be supported by accelerated projects in London, led by London Councils and the national PfA team, supported by In Control, Early Support and the London Champions. Projects will involve all of London's 32 boroughs and will include: Commissioning for outcomes - focusing on commissioners developing tangible outcomes and providers developing an offer that prepares young people for adulthood, Joint commissioning - focusing on joint commissioning with health and care, Skills for delivering support and aspiration to young people with SEND - focusing on cross-organizational training needs to successfully deliver the reforms from early years to adulthood and What do young people need to learn and why? - focusing on curriculum development from 5 to 25 and programmes/support that prepare young people for adulthood. Bromley have also provided the DfE with a second iteration of a young person's plan and received very comprehensive feedback, which includes confirmation that some elements of our plan are currently not meeting statutory requirements. We will be working hard to review, revise and incorporate feedback into a final version which we hope to be able to publish during February with the DfE's approval.</p>
<p>Pathfinder Champion</p>	<p>One key thematic workshop for PfA and EHC planning was: Preparing for Adulthood SEND Pathfinder Champion Workshop: Implementing the SEND reforms for young people aged 14-25 years, was held on 14th January 2014.</p> <p>This very successful Champion conference, in partnership with London Councils and Preparing for Adulthood national delivery partners, was highly evaluated by all delegates, across every non Pathfinder London Local Authority. It took place at Church House Conference Centre, Westminster. Andre Imich, DfE, was a key note speaker.</p> <p>Joint work with London Councils preparing for the London Champion Stakeholder Conference on 19th March 2014. Also, joint work with Early Support Delivery Partners, linking new independent support proposals. See link to SQW thematic case study, published in December 2013 (attachment in email).</p>
<p>Pathfinder Events/Presentations</p>	<p>See above</p>