

Engagement Matters

April to June 2022

Education, Health and Care Services are working together to improve our support across Bromley for children and young people who have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) and their families.



Training Offer

A training offer has been developed so that all staff and partners have the appropriate understanding and skills to engage with and listen to children and young people with SEND and know how to involve them in decision making.

So far training has been delivered to:

- Schools, settings, multi-agency professionals and parent carers through the Annual Review project
- ARP Leads on Child, Young People and Parent Carer Engagement & Preparing for Adulthood Themes
- SEND Network Champions

The Down Syndrome Bill

The **Down Syndrome Bill** has completed its journey through the **Houses of Parliament** and received Royal Assent on 28th April 2022. We continue to work with the **Bromley Down Syndrome Support Group (BDSSG)** to strengthen the offer available in Bromley whilst we wait for the government to publish the statutory guidance.



Dyslexia Practices in Schools

The **Inclusion Support Advisory Team (ISAT)** facilitated a new Dyslexia **Continuing Professional Development (CPD)** and program for **SENCOs**. The program was to coach **SENCOs** to improve staff awareness of dyslexia and inclusive practice in their schools.

SEN at Oaklands Primary School

We are working with **Oaklands Primary Academy** in Biggin Hill to open a **SEN Additionally Resourced Provision** for children with severe and complex needs during the Autumn Term in 2022.



Parent Carer Peer Support

We are working with **Bromley Y, Health Education England** and the **Charlie Waller Trust** to develop a Parent Carer Peer Support role for families whose children and young people are experiencing mental health and wellbeing difficulties, offering peer to peer support to other families and signposting to information and resources.

Web-based Resource

We are working with education settings, parent carers and young people to codesign a web-based resource that will better collate, communicate and signpost to resources and services across the different levels of need.



Development of the Local Offer

We are recruiting a new Local Offer Development Officer who will continue to develop the Local Offer once the new LB Bromley corporate website is launched.



Annual Review Timeline

We have coproduced a best practice timeline for the Annual Review process. This is being rolled out as part of the training which continues to increase a consistency of understanding.

Transition Day

On 25th April we held our second Transition event. There was a strong focus on Preparing for Adulthood outcomes across the different pathways. Seventy-eight young people attended this transition event, participating in three workshops including working with **Remix Theatre Arts** to support the young people to have their voices heard.



Engagement Session

We held an engagement session with families whose children are struggling to attend school due to emotional factors. Their lived experiences will help us to develop our position statement and support for **Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA)**.

Early Years Parent Workshop

We have piloted two Early Years parent workshops in June focussing on the importance of information and ensuring that the child is at the centre of discussions and support.



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Integrated Therapies

As part of the Integrated Therapies engagement groups, we have been working with members of the **Youth Council, LinCC** and some of the hearing-impaired young people at **Darrick Wood Secondary School**. We have children and young people in the borough who have some innovative and technically advanced ideas to shape the Integrated Therapies resource that we are codesigning.



Specialist School Placements

With a demand for specialist placements for children with complex SEN needs, the Council has asked **Riverside Special School** to offer a short-term site at the **Phoenix Centre**, where there are sixteen new special school places from September.



Supported Internship Programme

London South East Colleges and the **Princess Royal University Hospital (PRUH)** are recruiting for the September 2022 supported internship programme. Five of the seven students who participated in the 2021-22 scheme have been offered employment with the hospital.

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