

## London Borough of Bromley

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# YOUTH SERVICES UPDATE

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### 1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Education Portfolio Holder on the work of the Borough's Youth Services.

### 2. **THE BRIEFING**

#### 2.1 **Introduction of the Bromley Youth Support Programme**

Between November 2010 and March 2011, as part of the restructure of the Learning and Achievement Service, the Integrated Youth Support Service was subject to a reorganisation which, in April 2011, led to the introduction of the Bromley Youth Support Programme (BYSP). The BYSP is situated in the Education and Care Services Department where it is closely aligned with the Youth Offending Team (YOT).

The BYSP consists of:

- (a) two distinct but closely related directly delivered service teams known as the Targeted and the Universal Youth Support Programmes and
- (b) a range of collaboratively delivered initiatives intended to provide a range of activities.

which together with the YOT help to meet the Local Authority's statutory duties in respect to the provision of services specifically intended for young people (**Appendix 1** summarises the statutory scope and the service content of the BYSP).

This report updates Members on the work of the two directly delivered programme teams.

## 2.2 **Headline Attendance and Participation Numbers**

Across the Targeted and Universal programmes, for the period April 2012 to November 2012, we have made contact with 3,541 individual young people and have seen these young people participating in our activities 17,470 times. This is an increase from 3,366 young people participating 12,024 times for the same period in 2011. Since reorganisation of the service we have seen an increased number of young people attending sessions with attendances at some of our sessions across the borough now nearing 100 indicating a high level of demand for our services. Copies of a bulletin of service highlights are available in the Members' Room.

## 2.3 **Targeted Youth Support Programme**

Bromley's targeted service works through Hubs in the North, South, East and West of the borough. The targeted support service that we offer covers a range of opportunities for individual young people to enable them to participate in education, employment and training and to divert them from offending behaviour. We provide a drop in service for all young people at different locations across the borough and then provide targeted one to one support to help them back into school or find a job. In 2012, the service has supported 872 individual young people through one to one sessions. These interventions range from one off sessions to longer term, in-depth work to tackle more entrenched issues. Overall, this year, the service has made contact with 4,662 to ascertain if they are currently in employment or training and to provide support as appropriate to individual need. This has increased from 585 young people supported and 2,738 contacts made in 2011. We also provide targeted activities for groups of young people in the same localities that provide a range of opportunities for personal and community development.

Work with schools is a key growth area for the Targeted Youth Support Programme especially in the area of raising participation in education, employment or training (EET).

**Power to Progress** is a project that targets key secondary schools to identify year 11 young people who are at risk of dropping out of EET. We have supported groups of young people on an 8 week programme to support them in accessing college and training courses and helping them to develop their self esteem. These courses include Carpentry, Electrical Installation, Performing Arts and also Sports Science.

**Punchez** is a 16 week boxing for fitness programme that incorporates life skills, CV preparation, job search etc. This programme identifies Year 10 and Year 11 young people who are at risk of dropping out of school and becoming NEET. The programme is run in partnership with the Frank Bruno Boxing Academy and Priory and Charles Darwin Schools and takes referrals from across the borough. The previous years programme saw 100% of the young people who attended the programme continue on in education or training.

**Primary Transition** is a pilot project at Castlecombe Primary School where we have supported 12 young people who were identified as potentially have difficulty in making the transition to secondary school. In evaluating the programme, parents reported that the support that their children have been given has made a real impact in supporting their children in making a successful transition to secondary school. Research into why some year 11 leavers fail to participate in Year 12 cite problematic transition to secondary school as a key factor, so this project has a long term strategic purpose and potential outcome for the Year 6-7s who participate.

## 2.4 Universal Youth Support Programme

**Duke of Edinburgh Award:** This year has proved another successful one for Bromley D of E Award. We have achieved our highest ever enrolment figures, and are pleased to report the continued strong and sustainable growth and upward trend over the last 10 year period. Delivery of the DoE Award in 2013 will link directly with hub areas to target the offer to young people from potentially disadvantaged backgrounds (see also Briefing 010/12 presented to Members earlier in the year).

**Mobile and Detached Team:** This year has seen the development of the mobile and detached project into a combined targeted and universal service. This has involved providing a direct targeted opportunity for young people at risk who are not engaged in our hub services and young people who are reluctant to engage with formal services. During 2012, the mobile team were the backbone of our successful Community Funded summer parks programme; have delivered a 3 month ASB project targeting particular areas and attempting to work with young people causing low level local disruption in communities with a view to engaging them in positive activities. We have entered into a sold service partnership arrangement with Affinity Sutton Housing Association that will increase the level of service in those areas of the Borough where the Association has housing stock.

### **Youth Involvement (including Youth Council)**

A briefing on the Youth Council Manifesto Campaign Programme is the subject of a separate information item.

**Phoenix Youth Group for young people with disabilities:** Numbers of young people accessing the disability project at Hawes Down Children Centre continue to increase, with 50 different young people having accessed during the last 9 months. Young people are more involved in the planning of opportunity for the group, with a range of positive opportunities on offer, and quite focused attempts to develop individual programmes to ensure new experiences are on offer and being undertaken.

## 2.5 Marketing of the Bromley Youth Support Programme

Over the year we have undertaken a number of events and promotions to raise the profile of BYSP. We have updated our publicity to ensure that it contributes to an overall awareness and profile of our service. This means that young people across Bromley are now recognising our 'brand' and associating this with the quality services for young people. One particular development was the opportunity to trial the use of Facebook over the summer period to support the publicity and awareness of our summer programme. A Facebook pilot over the summer demonstrated effectively how Facebook can be used to market what BYSP has on offer and also provides a good way of recording feedback and we are now looking at how we can develop the use of Facebook to market the activities of our centres.

SUMMARY OF STATUTORY DUTIES MET THROUGH BROMLEY YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAMME		
INFORMATION ADVICE AND GUIDANCE (IAG)	PROMOTING POSITIVE ACTIVITIES	YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM/SERVICE
<p>Under Section 68 of the Education and Skills Act of 2008, Local Authorities have a duty to 'assist, encourage and enable' young people aged 13-19 (and young adults with a learning difficulty and/or disability up to the age of 25) to participate in education or training. Services provided under this duty were previously delivered under the 'Connexions' brand which was replaced by an all-age careers service by April 2012. Local authorities are no longer required to provide a universal careers guidance offer, but do retain a responsibility for providing targeted support for vulnerable young people. There are no stipulated requirements and the method by which they meet this duty is at the discretion of individual Local Authorities.</p> <p>Section 72 places a duty on Local Authorities to secure and provide information about learner and participation in education and training. The content of the information required is defined by a Department for Education specification to which an individual Local Authority is required to adhere. Local Authorities are permitted to discharge this duty via a third party.</p> <p>Both Section 68 and 72 are integral to Local Authorities duties in respect to the Raised Participation Age which will be effective from September 2013.</p> <p>Section 139A of the Learning and Skills Act 2000 places a duty on Local Authorities to arrange for an assessment of needs of young people with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities who are making a transition between places of learning after Year 11 of their compulsory education. The Act stipulates the required competence of staff undertaking the assessment and the points at which assessment must be made.</p>	<p>Under Section 507B of the Education Act 1996, Local Authorities have a duty to ensure that young people have access to sufficient educational leisure-time (Positive) activities which are for the improvement of their well-being and personal and social development, and sufficient facilities for such activities; that activities are publicised; and that young people are placed at the heart of decision making regarding the positive activity provision. There are no stipulated requirements and the content and mode of delivery of a local "youth offer" is largely at the discretion of the Local Authority.</p>	<p>Under Section 39 (1) of the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act Local Authorities, acting in co-operation with partners (who are also under a duty to co-operate with the Local Authority) have a duty to establish in their area one or more Youth Offending Teams.</p> <p>The introduction of the Legal Aid Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 from December 2012, places an increased duty on the Local Authority with respect to the safeguarding and care of all young people held on remand.</p>

**SUMMARY OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY OR THROUGH THE BROMLEY YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAMME IN MEETING STATUTORY DUTIES**

<b>CAREERS IAG FOR ALL</b>	<b>ACTIVITY DELIVERED DIRECTLY BY THE TARGETED YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAMME (TYSP)</b>	<b>ACTIVITY DELIVERED DIRECTLY BY THE UNIVERSAL YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAMME (UYSP)</b>	<b>ACTIVITY DELIVERED DIRECTLY BY THE UNIVERSAL YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAMME (UYSP)</b>
<p>The programme signposts young people to Impartial Careers Information, Advice and Guidance via websites/helpine:</p> <p>National Careers Service website/ helplines (and other as appropriate)</p> <p>School/College Careers Education and Work Related Learning programmes and sources of Careers IAG</p> <p>Bromley Education Business Partnership activities purchased by schools/colleges</p> <p>Library (self service IAG access points)</p>	<p>1-1 and groupwork Support from BROMLEY TARGETED YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAMME (BYSP)</p> <p>Specialist support to young people with LDD to meet statutory duties re. Section 139A Assessments.</p> <p>TYSP also provides source of referrals for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESF employability support projects</li> <li>• Princes Trust</li> <li>• Bromley Employment Project</li> <li>• Bromley Mentoring Programme</li> </ul>	<p>Youth centre based activity programme operated at 4 Youth Support Hubs</p> <p>Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme</p> <p>Mobile Youth Support Team</p> <p>Youth Involvement (including Youth Council)</p> <p>Youth Offer for young people with disability</p> <p><b>ACTIVITY DELIVERED BY THE UYSP THROUGH COMMISSIONS AND COLLABORATION</b></p> <p>Bromley Music Education Service (Bromley Youth Music Trust)</p> <p>Bromley and Downham Youth Club</p> <p>Darrick Wood Youth and Community Youth Centre</p> <p>Bromley Council for Voluntary Youth Services Grant funded activity</p> <p>Bromley Mytime Arts Train and Myfutures</p> <p>Pro-Active Bromley Sports Partnership Programme</p> <p>Promotion of total Bromley Youth Offer via Borough's marketing channels</p>	<p>The YOT team delivers a remit of court and community and prevention and intervention work that is statutorily required to include the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the provision of assistance to young people to determine whether reprimands or warnings should be given</li> <li>• the provision of support for children and young people remanded or committed on bail while awaiting trial or sentence</li> <li>• co-ordination with Children Social Care to facilitate the placement in local authority accommodation of children and young people remanded or committed to such accommodation under section 23 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969</li> <li>• the provision of reports or other information required by courts in criminal proceedings against children and young people</li> <li>• provision of activity appropriate to the prevention of first time entry to the youth justice system and to the support and supervision of young people on return from custody</li> </ul>
<p>Collection and management of information to assist with targeting of support and learner provision and to demonstrate levels of post-16 learner participation in education and training (Year 11-14).</p>		<p>Lead delivery partner for the Community Safety parks based summer and Easter diversionary programme</p>	