



## Children's Social Care and Safeguarding

### Overview of Safeguarding Arrangements



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## Children's Act 1989



Every Local Authority has a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children who are in need if:

- He is unlikely to achieve or maintain a reasonable standard of health and development
- His health or development is likely to be significantly impaired
- He is disabled


## Level of Need 2012 - 13

- 10,069 Contacts
- 2,148 Referrals
- 2,052 Initial Assessments
- 1176 Core Assessments
- 502 Child Protection Investigations
- 180 Child Protection Plans
- 90 Children Subject to Care Proceedings
- 285 Children in Care of the Council
- 1850 Open Cases


## Capacity and Management Oversight

- Sufficient Qualified Social Work Posts
- Manageable Caseloads
- All CP and LAC are allocated
- Robust supervision arrangements
- Training – Confident, Competent Staff (Munro)
- Performance Information - Data - Children's Digest
- Quality Assurance Framework - Case Audits





## External Inspections by Ofsted

Date	Service	Grading
2009	Adoption	Good
2010	Safeguarding and Looked After Children	Adequate
2011	Fostering	Good
2011	Unannounced Referral & Assessment	No Priority Actions
2012	Child Protection	Adequate

## Annual Children's Social Care

Improvement Plan – Specific,  
Measurable, Time Limited





## **Safeguarding in Bromley Schools**

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- Complexities and Diversity of the Sector
- Legal Requirement to Safeguarding:-
  - Working Together 2013
  - Section 11 of the Children Act 2004
  - Section 175 of the Education Act 2002



## **Key Areas that Ensure Safeguarding**

- Policies and Procedures
- Role of Governors
- Listening to Pupils – School Councils
- Training
- Early Identification of Need / CAF
- Safer Recruitment
- School Attendance and Exclusions

