

London Borough of Bromley

PART 1 - PUBLIC

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ANNUAL INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER REPORT
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1. Summary

This is the second Annual Report of the Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) service.

2. THE BRIEFING

The IRO Handbook contains the statutory guidance for IRO's and Local Authorities on their functions in relation to case management and review of Looked After Children (LAC). It is a statutory requirement that the IRO Manager should be responsible for the production of an annual report for the scrutiny of the members of the corporate parenting board.

This report, attached, provides an opportunity to highlight good practice and areas which require improvement, identify emerging themes and trends, describes areas of work which the service has prioritised during the year and future plans. The information is used to help inform commissioning plans.