

London Borough of Bromley

PART 1 - PUBLIC

**Briefing for Care Services PDS Committee
Thursday 26 June 2014**

**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL
APRIL 2014**

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1. Summary

- 1.1 Section 99 of the Children and Families Act 2014 came into force on Tuesday 13th May making the role of the Virtual School Head Teacher statutory. The Virtual School Head Teacher is the lead responsible officer for ensuring that arrangements are in place to improve the educational experiences and outcomes of the Council's Looked After children, including those placed out of authority. Representing the corporate parents, the Virtual School Head Teacher must have arrangements in place to ensure the educational attainment and progress of looked after children by the local authority are monitored and evaluated as if those children attended a single school.
- 1.2 In recognition of the lead role of the of the Virtual School in the work of improving outcomes for Looked After Children, the new Ofsted Framework for the Inspection of Services for Children in Need of Help and Protection, Children Looked After and Care Leavers requires the publication of a Virtual School Annual Report as part of the data provided by the authority.
- 1.3 Members are asked to read and comment on the Annual Report on the Work of the Virtual School 2014.

2. THE BRIEFING

- 2.1 See attached report and Appendix 1

3. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Annual Report on the Work of the Virtual School, April 2014
- Delivering a First Class Education: Bromley Virtual School Development Plan.