

London Borough of Bromley

PART 1 - PUBLIC

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UPDATE ON SCHOOL NURSES INITIATIVE

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1. Summary

1.1 Recent changes to the service specification for school nursing aim to make the service more visible and accessible to young people and schools, and increase communication with school senior management teams. This is being achieved within the current contract at no extra cost.

2. THE BRIEFING

2.1 Changes to School Nursing service

School nursing: service description

School nursing is the universal health service for children aged 5-19 years. It provides this by implementing the Healthy Child Programme for children aged 5-19 – a nationally determined programme based on the best evidence for this age group. The programme consists of several elements: safeguarding, immunisations, health screening in reception year, health plans for children with health conditions in school, and health support to all school age children and their families as required.

The team is small and a key part of their role is in health leadership for this age group – working in partnership with other agencies including schools. School nursing within Special Schools is delivered as part of the Specialised Nursing service to children with disabilities.

2.2 Recent changes in service specification

- Service Level Agreement between school nursing and every secondary school setting out specifics of times and locations of school nurse attendances.
- School nurses to be more visible and easily contactable by schools, parents and children and young people. School nurses to produce clear information outlining their services.
- Aim for 1 day a week of a school nurse based in each secondary school. School nurse to have clear link to school SMT and meet with school SMT or a nominated representative at least termly.

- School nurses to produce key information for secondary school SMT:
 - School health needs assessment (together with Public Health)
 - School health action plan (to be agreed termly with SMT, setting out priorities for school nursing in school and deployment plan)
 - School Health Annual Report for each secondary school and its cluster of primary schools
- School nurses and partners to agree local pathways using national templates, e.g. for CYP suffering domestic abuse, sexual health of young people, CYP with long term conditions such as diabetes, asthma.
- School nurse services to be targeted particularly to vulnerable groups: looked after children, children in need, young people known to the YOT, young carers, young people with long term conditions, home educated children.
- School nurses to work in partnership with local communities to build community capacity.
- School nurses to support the Healthy Schools programme in Bromley.
- School Nurses to support PSHE as local leaders for health
- Strategic development of school nursing by School Nursing Steering Group chaired by Public Health consultant.