

London Borough of Bromley

PART 1 - PUBLIC

Briefing for Care Services Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee Tuesday 12 January 2016

PORTFOLIO PLAN MID-YEAR UPDATE 2015/16

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides Members with the most recent update on progress against the actions contained within the Care Services Portfolio Plan, and the actions that are being taken forward between January and June 2016 (Appendix 1).

2. THE BRIEFING

2.1 Progress on the current Care Services Portfolio Plan

The 2015/16 Care Services Portfolio Plan details the four priority outcomes and supporting aims for the Care Services Portfolio as agreed in June 2015.

Outcome 1: Ensuring the health and wellbeing of children, young people and their families, and enhancing quality of life for adults and older people with care and support needs

Outcome 2: Maximising independence and reducing the need for care and support

Outcome 3: Ensuring that people have a positive experience of care and support

Outcome 4: Ensuring children and young people are safe within the community, and adults and older people whose circumstances make them vulnerable are protected from avoidable harm

These four priority outcomes remain aligned to the national outcome areas covering housing, adults and children's social care and public health, and reflect the Government's outcome frameworks for these services. They take account of the new vision for adult social care services as defined by the Care Act 2014 which details the new approach to how the law on adult social care will work, prioritising wellbeing, highlighting the importance of prevention and postponement of the need of basic care and support, and putting people in control of their care and support.

2.2 Progress on the 2015/16 Care Services Portfolio Plan

A summary report is attached as Appendix 1; it highlights the key areas of progress thus far. Of the 53 actions to be progressed during the year, 42 are on track with 10 actions requiring more work in the second half of the year and a further action unlikely to be achieved.

Progress has been achieved across a range of areas and in terms of direct impact for our adult and children social care service users, the highlights are:

- 43 pupils enabled to become independent travellers opening up opportunities to participate in further and higher education, work experience/employment opportunities.
- 30 Contracted employment opportunities created (apprenticeships/internships/jobs) by the Youth Employment Project
- Published the SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disability) Local Offer on Bromley MyLife, receiving 7,600 page views in the last six months.
- 21,465 eligible people received an NHS Health Check.
- Revised Housing allocations scheme was launched in September 2015, removing 867 households from the register.
- Homelessness has been directly prevented for just under 700 households who would otherwise have had to be placed into temporary accommodation and accepted as Homeless.

There are areas that remain a challenge in the Care Services Portfolio, which feature service areas such as:

- **Housing:** Whilst around 1500 households have been provided with advice and signposting, prevention work is becoming increasingly difficult due to the increase in private rental sector evictions.
- **Children's Social Care:** Challenges remain to increase the number of in-house foster carers to a level that reflects the needs of all Bromley's children in care, including emergency, short-term and long-term placements, family and friends carers, children with disabilities and parent & child placements. Work continues to explore ways to continually attract new carers to Bromley, both to replace carers that have decided to retire from fostering and to meet the needs of children and young people requiring placements. Recruitment strategy is planned to encourage new foster carers into the role.

These challenges have been represented across 11 actions which have been marked as Amber. Children's Social Care division account for 5 Amber statuses and one Red, with the Housing division making up the remaining 5 Amber statuses.

2.3 The PDS Committee and Executive have received reports on areas covered within this report; the table below provides further details:

PDS number	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Report Title
CS 14119	21 st January 15	7c	Healthwatch Bromley - Award of Contract
CS 14117	21 st January 15	7f	Annual Quality Monitoring Report Domiciliary Care Homes & Supported Living Schemes Children's Social Care Placements
CS 14133	4 th March 15	7a	Care Services Portfolio Budget Monitoring
CS 14125	4 th March 15	8b	Allocations Scheme Review
CS 15903	23 rd June 15	7b	Budget Monitoring 2015/16
ED 15127	23 rd June 15	7f	Adults Transport Policy
CS 15905	23 rd June 15	7g	Fostering Service Annual Report
CS 15906	23 rd June 15	7h	Adoption Service Annual Report
CS 15909a	23 rd June 15	8c	Direct Care (Learning Disabilities) Contract Award
CS 15916	23 rd June 15	2	Transfer of Health Visitors to Local Authority (Information Briefing)
ED 15104	22 nd July 15	5	Findings of the Full Joint Inspection of Youth Offending Services Work in Bromley 2015 and Post Inspection Improvement Plan
CS 15926	23 rd Sept 15	8d	Post Diagnosis Dementia Support
CS 15922	23 rd Sept 15	8e	Gateway Report: Older Person's Respite Care
CS 15927	23 rd Sept 15	11	Children's Prevention and Early intervention Strategy 2015-18
CS 15937	17 th Nov 15	6a	Budget Monitoring 2015/16
CS 15938	17 th Nov 15	7a	Drawdown on the Homeless Contingency Needs Grant
CS 15940	17 th Nov15	7c	Update on the Tackling Troubled Families Project – Update on Outcomes and Grant Drawdown
ED 15133	24 th Nov 15	6a	Update on Progress of the Youth Offending Service Improvement Plan
ED15127	26 th Nov 15	11	Bromley Youth Employment Project - Progress Update