

INTERNAL AUDIT FINAL REPORT

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE

INTERNAL AUDIT REVIEW OF THE TROUBLED FAMILIES CLAIM FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2020 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

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INTRODUCTION

1. This report sets out the results of our audit testing of a sample of individual claims for the claim period between 1 April 2020 and 30 September 2020.
2. We have agreed with the Early Intervention Team that checks on a sample of individual claims will be carried out every six months, in September and March of each financial year. These compliance checks seek to confirm that the sample of individual claims to be submitted at the end of those periods meet the employment or significant and sustained progress criteria, enabling a claim to be made.
3. The Financial Framework for the Troubled Families Programme issued in January 2018 by the Department for Communities and Local Government (now the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government) sets out the 'Principles for Internal Audit'. Following these principles, we selected a sample of 10% of claims submitted for the six month period ended 30 September 2020. This was to ensure continuity of testing from the previous claim period.

METHODOLOGY

4. There were 70 individual claims closed between 1 April 2020 and 30 September 2020 and our sample for checking consisted of 7 claims. The claims in our sample were where the Early Intervention Team considered that the national and/or local criteria as set out in the London Borough of Bromley's Outcome Plan had been met and significant and sustained progress had been made, resulting in the family no longer being attached to the programme.

AUDIT OPINION
The evidence seen by Internal Audit demonstrates that the grant claim conditions have been met

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

5. Our review of these claims found that each one in our sample for testing met the relevant criteria for a claim to be made. We also confirmed that these families had not been claimed for previously.

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6. We verified that the total amount claimed for payment by results for the 70 individual claims submitted between the period 1 April 2020 and 30 September 2020 was £56,000. As a result of our testing there are no findings and there are no recommendations arising from this review.
7. Finally, we would like to thank everyone contacted during this review for their help and co-operation.