

Decision Maker: CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES PDS COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 9 November 2021

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: LOCAL AUTHORITY DESIGNATED OFFICER 6-MONTHLY UPDATE

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Chief Officer: Director of Children's Services

Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

The report updates members on the activity and performance of the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) for 2020/21.

The report provides evidence of the effectiveness of the LADO service provided to and on behalf of Bromley's children between April 2020 and March 2021.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Members of the Committee note the report.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: The national requirement for Local Authorities to appoint a Designated Officer (LADO) to manage allegations against adults who work or volunteer with children is outlined in Working Together and in Safeguarding Children and Safer Recruitment in Education.
 2. The LADO should be alerted to all cases in which it is alleged that a person who works with children has behaved in a way that has harmed, or may have harmed, a child; Possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child; Behaved towards a child in a way that indicates they may pose a risk of harm to children.
 3. In 2020-21, the number of referrals that met the threshold for harm was higher than the previous year, rising from 96 to 116 referrals. Of these, 56 were substantiated, 29 were unsubstantiated, 24 unfounded, 3 false and 4 are ongoing. There was no evidence to support any allegations being deemed malicious. Of these cases, 12 were referred to regulatory bodies, agency unions or sporting bodies.
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Not Applicable
 4. Total current budget for this head: £Not Applicable
 5. Source of funding: Not Applicable
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): Not Applicable
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not Applicable
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: Not Applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): All Bromley children
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

3. COMMENTARY

See Executive Summary and full report attached.

4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

See section 2 above.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policy implications from this report

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific financial implications from this report

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific personnel implications from this report

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific legal implications from this report

9. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific procurement implications from this report

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