

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
9th June 2022

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**1.) Written Question to the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board
received from Owen Wittekind:**

Across Bromley Y, CAMHS and the CCG, what engagement with young people takes place, and what capacity is there for oversight by young people on the boards and decision-making groups of these organisations?

Reply:

Overall

Bromley Council and NHS South-East London CCG (Bromley) jointly commission children and young people's mental health and wellbeing services in line with plans in the Bromley Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2020-25). This strategy was co-produced with service users, including children and young people, and sets out an aim that service users (including young people) will be able to shape and design their own service offer – placing engagement and consultation at the core of the delivery of these services.

Children and young people's representatives provide regular oversight of children and young people's mental health and wellbeing services in Bromley – with young people questioning commissioners and service leads on outcomes and delivery. This includes children and young people's representatives on the Bromley Youth Council (who led a detailed piece of work on mental health just prior to the pandemic), the Corporate Parenting Board and the Living in Care Council (LinCC).

Bromley Y

A new five-year contract was awarded to Bromley Y in April 2021 following a competitive procurement exercise. One element of the procurement exercise was that children and young people, including children looked after (CLA) and care leavers, were involved in the scoring and evaluation of bids for the service.

Bromley Y have been running a very successful participation group for many years. Since the covid-19 pandemic, this group has shifted its activities online. The group further engages children and young people in schools with regards to access and mental health and emotional wellbeing. The group has a role in considering outcomes of young people supported by Bromley Y.

Bromley Y employed a youth ambassador in October 2021. This individual has been working closely with wellbeing ambassadors in schools in order to capture the voice of CYP, parents/carers and professionals in the work of the organisation. The current youth ambassador is soon to finish their term and there are currently three applicants for this role. The current youth ambassador is willing

to join the Bromley Y board of trustees and they have also been part of selection and recruitment in the organisation, as well as helping to shape Bromley Y's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) strategy.

NHS Oxleas Foundation Trust – Bromley CAMHS

There is a Trust-wide approach/strategy across NHS Oxleas Foundation Trust that guides user participation, which includes the following:

- Regular user participation groups, facilitated by CAMHS clinicians, to discuss a range of issues and contribute towards service development.
- User interview panel representation, which we are working towards mandating for all posts.
- Designated participation lead post within each service.
- Parent participation groups (to be developed in Bromley).

User participation is also embedded within clinical practice through the use of clinical outcome measures (e.g. session-to-session measures) and experience of service questionnaires (CHI-ESQ). Protocols are in place to review this data/feedback regularly and responses are provided via a "You Said, We Did" feedback loop.

Finally, we have a register of users who we draw upon in a focus group format for specific Trust-wide projects e.g. digital developments and crisis care.

2.) Written Question to the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board received from Freddie Price:

How much has the Council spent over the past 2 years on youth mental health services, what is the breakdown of where this money was used, and how does this compare with the budget agreed for the 2020-2022 period?

Reply:

London Borough of Bromley Spend of CYP Mental Health and Wellbeing Services

	Bromley Y	ASD Family Support Service (Mencap)
2018/19	£464,029	£15,000
2019/20	£464,029	£15,000
2020/21	£464,029	£15,000
2021/22*	£452,223	£27,000
2022/23	£452,223	£27,000
Total (5 Years)	£2,395,533	

Bromley Council has spent £958,446 on children and young people's mental health and wellbeing services in the years 2021/22-2022/23.

There has been a small increase in spending in the last two years as compared to the period 2020-22.

At the same time there has been a significant increase of NHS resources into this provision (£2.1m in 2021/23 alone). This additional funding has been agreed in full partnership between Bromley Council and NHS SEL CCG.

** In 2021/22 the London Borough of Bromley entered into new contracts for both Bromley Y and ASD Family Support Services which were funded on a 50:50 basis with NHS SEL CCG.*