

Children, Education and Families

Portfolio plan for 2023 to 2024



Welcome

Message from the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families

Welcome to the Children, Education and Families Portfolio Plan for 2023 to 2024.

This Portfolio Plan will contribute to the delivery of our long-term vison as presented in our corporate strategy, **Making Bromley Even Better**; available from www.bromley.gov.uk/corporatestrategy.

Our department leads on the delivery of the first of five ambitions, for.

'For children and young people to grow up, thrive and have the best life chances in families who flourish and are happy to call Bromley home'.

Our priorities included

- ✓ Targeted early intervention and good universal service
- ✓ Safeguarding children and adolescents
- ✓ Being the best corporate parents
- ✓ Challenging disproportionality
- ✓ Engaging with children, young people and families

Clearly many if not all of our activity involves working closely with or through partners agencies, we will continue to develop and maintain these key relationships to enable effective service delivery. By implementing this plan, I truly believe that we can enable our children and young people to achieve, thrive and reach their full potential.

Achieving this ambition in a changing regulatory, financial and physical environment remains a challenge and should not be underestimated. Members will monitor the delivery of this Portfolio Plan through our Children, Education and Families Policy, Development and Scrutiny Committee, as part of the Children's Services Performance Framework.

We remain ambitious for our children and will continue to engage with them effectively, coproducing where possible. Our Bromley Relationship Social Work Model promotes 'doing with' rather than 'doing to' approach, we pride ourselves on the relationships we build with our families in order to support and assist positive change.

Cllr Kate Lymer

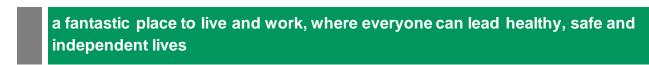
Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families

About this Portfolio Plan

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Our vision

We want Bromley to be...



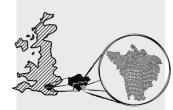
Our plan will be delivered jointly by the Council and partner agencies. We firmly believe that strong partnerships formed the foundation of our previous plan 'Building a Better Bromley'.

Together we have five new ambitions:

- 1 For children and young people to grow up, thrive and have the best life chances in families who flourish and are happy to call Bromley home.
 - 2 For adults and older people to enjoy fulfilled and successful lives in Bromley, ageing well, retaining independence and making choices.
- For people to make their homes in Bromley and for business, enterprise and the third sector to prosper.
 - For residents to live responsibly and prosper in a safe, clean and green environment great for today and a sustainable future.
- To manage our resources well, providing value for money, and efficient and effective services for Bromley's residents.

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Get to know Bromley



We are located in south east London, we are the largest London borough.

We cover 59 square miles.

We have more than 330,000 people living here - in an estimated 141,000 households.

We have a vibrant rural and urban mix - with 51% of our space being green belt land and we have eleven distinct town centres.

We have relatively low levels of deprivation - we are the 4th least deprived of the 33 London boroughs.







Our children thrive and flourish secure into adult

We support our residents with good universal services for everyone:

- 99% of early years settings are 'Good' or better
- 90% of schools are 'Good' or better
- 91% of GPs are 'good' or better

We have high life expectancy which exceeds national figures:

- · 81 for males and 85 for females
- 7 year gap in some parts

Our adults enjoy fulfilling and successful lives

We have a well qualified and skilled working age population:

- 50% have qualifications beyond A-Levels
- 3% have no qualifications

We have a high proportion of our working age adults in employment:

- 78% of adults are in employment
- 2% claiming out of work benefits
- · average household income is just £43,000+

Our families. businesses and communities thrive

We a mixture of quality homes:

- · 12% increase in number of households
- mixed tenure 72% home ownership and 14% social housing

We support our businesses and town centres:

- 15,000+ individual enterprises
- · four Business Improvement Districts (BID)
- investment in public realm works

Our borough is safe. clean and sustainable for the future

We care for and protect our environment:

- 50% of domestic waste is recycled
- · becoming a direct 'net zero carbon' Council

We have lots of green and historic spaces:

- 45 conservation areas
- 1,000+ locally and 800
- statutory listed buildings 7,000 hectares of green spaces
- 129 open spaces

We have a range of quality homes available:

- 1,500+ families are in temporary accommodation
- 1,000 affordable homes to be built

We encourage our children and adults to live healthy and safe lives:

- · obesity levels and smoking rates are lower than national averages
- · proportion of residents with mental health problems has increased

Our vision

A fantastic place to live and work, where everyone can lead healthy, safe and independent lives

Making it even better

Our ambitions

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We support our residents with additional needs well:

- 100,000+ visits to our Children and Families Centres
- · 3.000 children have Education. Health and Care Plans
- . 3.400 referrals to children's social care
- · 9,000 requests for adult social care and support
- · 2,000 adults receive care in their home
- . 1,500 adults live in care homes

We have a strong and innovative early help and intervention offer:

- · mix of holistic statutory, private and voluntary services
- single points of access

We support our vulnerable residents well through our:

- · strengths-based approach
- relationship model
- · Continuums of Need

Action plan

Ambition 1

For children and young people to grow up, thrive and have the best life chances in families who flourish and are happy to call Bromley home

Portfolio links

This priority has links with the following portfolio plans:

• Children, Education and Families

What are we going to do?

Strategic links:

This priority has links with the following strategic plans:

• Children and Young People's Plan

MAKING BROMLEY EVEN BETTER	DETAIL	MEASURES OF SUCCESS	TARGET DATE	LEAD	UPDATES
1. Support the local childcare and early education market to maintain high standards and a good level of choice for parents, promoting inclusion and school readiness as well as monitoring those children who are educated at home.	 a) Promote educational inclusion for all. Continue to provide high quality and timely information through a range of sources to support families. b) Work with local early years settings and childminders to increase the number of Early Years places provided for vulnerable children and those with SEN. 	Early Years directory published annually and updated monthly; Bromley Education Matters updated monthly and accessible to schools and families. (https://bromleyeducationmatters.uk) Capacity to enable 30 hours of funded childcare; Take-up of funded 2yr old places; % Childminders / Early Years Settings rated good or outstanding; Take up of Disability Access Fund.	April 2024 (AP) April 2024 (AP)	Director Education	 Early years directory published annually and updated weekly. Bromley Education Matters continues to be updated regularly and is accessible to schools, colleges and early years settings. School Circular is issued fortnightly. As of 17 January 2024, there were 371 (65%) of eligible children accessing 2-year-old funded places (National benchmark 72%). 98.35% of early years settings in Bromley that have been inspected are rated as Good or Outstanding (National benchmark 96%). As of 17 January 2024 DAF funding has been paid out for a total of 30 children in early years settings during the 2023/24 academic year.

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1. Support the local childcare and early education market to maintain high standards and a good level of	c) Promote school readiness through the provision of training, targeted at Bromley early years providers, that contribute to the promotion of school	Number of training courses that have taken place.	April 2024	Director Education	 Training summary One 'Leaders and Managers' Forum One Childminder Quality Forum One Schema Play training session Participation by:
choice for parents, promoting inclusion and school readiness	readiness in pre- school children.	Number of settings represented, and practitioners participated.	April 2024		 27 Settings 46 Practitioners
as well as monitoring those children who are educated at home.	d) Work with parents choosing to electively home educate their child to fulfil their legal obligations to provide a satisfactory education. Further embed monitoring arrangements.	Contact and monitoring arrangements for electively home educated children	April 2024		 390 children electively home educated. Education transformation restructure has created new dedicated Access to Education officer posts, which will include EHE duties within the revised Education Welfare Service

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2. Build on the success of Bromley's excellent schools, academies and further education offer. We	a)	Enable all children to access good educational outcomes through increasing places at Good and Outstanding schools	% of schools/places in Good or Outstanding provision	Sept 2023	Director Education	96% of Bromley Schools are good or outstanding with 97% of pupils attending schools judged good or outstanding.
consistently deliver a high 'first choice' school preference for our children and we will continue to ensure a sufficiency of	b)	Sufficient school places to sustain percentage of pupils offered one of their first three preferences	% of children in receipt of first and second choice school places.	April 2024 (AP)		 68.7% of secondary school children in receipt of first choice and 94% in receipt of a preference. 87.9% of primary school children in receipt of first choice and 98.8% in receipt of a preference.
school places in high quality provision, enabling high quality local choice for parents and young people.	c)	Sufficient local provision for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)	SEN Free School delivered	April 2024 (AP)		 SEN estates review underway to identify opportunities for additional SEN places. Scheme to create new 30 place Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP) at Oaklands Primary School underway. Special Free School project ongoing led by DfE, currently at feasibility stage.

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3. Work with our partners across the education sector to improve outcomes for all children and young people across the range of academic and narrowing attainment and progress gaps for vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils	a) Ensure that there is a strong and coherent offer of support to Bromley Schools focussed on local priorities including closing the attainment gap for disadvantaged children	Clearly articulated offer for schools closely aligned to key priority of improved outcomes for disadvantaged children through Closing the Gap Workshops	April 2024 (AP)	Director Education	 Offer in place and circulated to schools. Addressing the Attainment Gap events. Addressing the needs of pupils from Gypsy Roma and Traveller backgrounds at primary and secondary school events. Expansion of the successful Family Learning Outreach pilot supporting Ukrainian pupils and their parents in schools. Working in partnership with 3 maintained primary schools and the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) on a pilot project focussed on metacognition and narrowing the attainment gap for vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils.

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4. Embed our mental health and wellbeing model across the multiagency children's workforce to further improve the identification of additional needs in children, to improve assessment of need and risk, and to improve access to targeted and specialist services.	 a) Place prevention and early intervention at the heart of the mental health and wellbeing offer for children and young people. b) Ensure staff supporting families are trained in mental health first aid and are provided with training and advice on CYP mental health and wellbeing support 		April 2024 (AP) April 2024 (AP)	Senior Commissioning Manager – C&YP's Mental Health & Wellbeing	 Bromley was awarded a third Mental Health Support Team (MHST) in 2023/24. These teams will now cover 75% of schools with other schools receiving a tailored school responder offer. Work continues to take place between the Director of Education, commissioners, and Bromley Y to review the total MHST offer and the future delivery model. Ongoing training programme monitored through normal CYP Mental Health and Wellbeing contracting processes.

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5. Encourage take up of our multi- agency early help services.	a) Enable parents to access information, advice, and support	Families report that they are able to find the information that they need at the right time. Provide training to partners to effectively signpost families to EIFS. Attendance at Multi Agency Partnership Events (MAPE) which promote early help.	April 2024 (AP) April 2024 (AP)	Assistant Director Specialist Services	 EIFS social media platforms actively promote services for families with at least 3 posts per week. Multi-Agency Partnership Events 'MAPE' sessions paused in Spring 2023 when the new front door model was introduced to prevent confusion during the roll out of Phase1 of the Children and Families Hub (*C&FH). The C&FH is moving into Phase 2 with the introduction of a Portal in Spring 2024 and the MAPE will be revised to run after the Portal has gone live, giving a single message regarding access options. Sessions targeting specific cohorts of professionals; Health, Education and Early Years Education run termly, and attendance is excellent with sell-out dates.

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5. Encourage take up of our multi-agency early help services.	b) Continue to provide high quality and timely information through a range of sources to support families. Information is available through: • Early years directory • SENDMatters newsletters, • Early Intervention and Family Support (EIFS) Social Media platforms • EIFS Parenting Hub website • IASS website	Early support is joined up across health and education to reduce duplication.	April 2024 (AP)	Assistant Director Specialist Services	 A range of bespoke training is available to Children Social Care colleagues, alongside Single Point of Contact ('SPOC') surgeries for case and intervention options discussions. Use of QR codes to make access to digital information easy. Introduction of 'flipbooks' for parents and staff and accessed via QR codes is in place and well used. Bromley Education Matters continues to be updated monthly and is accessible to all education settings. Schools Circular is produced fortnightly during term time and is accessible to schools, colleges and early years settings. The Young Person area of the Local Offer is currently in development. Bromley Information Advice and Support Service provides Specialist SEND support for families - website launched remains active. EIFS launched the Parenting Hub website for parents and professionals and active.

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6. Continue to improve our children's safeguarding practice in Bromley, embedding the statutory	a)	Carry out an annual Strategic Threat Assessment including considering issues of disproportionality, community alienation and isolation.	Strategic Threat Assessments circulated to all partners	April 2024 (AP)	Independent Chair of Bromley Safeguarding Children's Partnership (BSCP)	Five Strategic Threat Assessments published to date.
safeguarding partnership and strengthening our focus on non- familial (contextual) safeguarding risks, including	b)	The Safeguarding Partnership challenges partners' safeguarding practices	Challenge Log referenced in BSCP annual report; Escalations recorded in case notes; Children's Safeguarding Scrutiny Board and InterChairs Board merged in 2023	April 2024 (AP)		 Challenge Log Updated InterChairs Partnership Board taking place every 6 months. Multi agency audit of serious youth violence/extra familial harm completed in 2023. Learning event held.
children going missing, children missing education, child sexual and criminal exploitation, and gang affiliation.	c)	Bromley Safeguarding Partnership commission a comprehensive training programme	Training evaluation included in BSCP annual report	April 2024 (AP)		 Training evaluation was published in annual report 2022-23. New training programme procurement for 2022-25 complete. Multi-agency BSCP Training Subgroup monitors quality and impact of training.

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6. Continue to improve our children's safeguarding practice in Bromley, embedding the statutory safeguarding partnership and strengthening our focus on nonfamilial (contextual) safeguarding risks, including children going missing, children missing education, child sexual and criminal exploitation, and gang affiliation.	d) Children and Family Act 2014 Assessments carried out promptly Protect Vulnerable adolescents, especially those vulnerable to child sexual exploitation (CSE), child criminal exploitation (CCE), modern-day slavery	i) Timeliness of assessments; Child seen during assessment.	April 2024 (AP)	Assistant Director, Children's Social Care, Safeguarding & Care Planning Services	92% of assessments were completed within timeframe (YTD – December 2023), with the majority of children seen (97%) during the assessment.

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7. Maintain a relentless focus on improving outcomes for Bromley's looked after children and care leavers. In- order to meet the pledge, the Council has made to these young people, we will continue to develop our partnerships across the Council, NHS, DWP and housing providers to: increase the	a) Ensure sufficiency of good quality placements for Children Looked After and accommodation for Care Leavers	Effective sufficiency strategy	April 2024 (AP)	Director Children's Education and Families	 CLA Sufficiency Strategy 2022-2024 was signed off by members November 2022. An associated action plan has been drafted in-order-to monitor our performance in relation to the strategy. This action plan is updated every quarter. Bromley are also signed up to the Commissioning Alliance as a commissioning platform who offer a QA framework and support for all providers. Work is on-going to develop local residential provision along with investigating the possibility and potential benefits of block booking beds in the SI market.
choice of high- quality placements; improve our education offer; help young people maintain good health and wellbeing; and increase housing and employment opportunities.	b) Improve education, employment and training outcomes	Successful Delivery of Care Leavers EET Strategy	April 2024 (AP)	Assistant Director, Children's Social Care, Safeguarding & Care Planning Services	 Delivery of high education outcomes presented in Annual Virtual Head School report. Successful Delivery of Care Leavers EET Strategy Local London have funded the commissioning of bespoke 1;1 ETE support for care leavers aged 16 plus. Delivery began January 2024.

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order to meet the pledge, the Council has made to these young people, we will continue to develop our partnerships across the Council, NHS, DWP and housing providers to: increase the choice of high-quality placements; improve our education offer; help young people maintain good health and wellbeing; and increase housing and employment opportunities.	to Bromley health services where every child has a named specialist nurse, has their health plan regularly reviewed and has regular health-related checks and immunisations	annual health checks, immunisation and dental checks.	Арті 2024 (AP)	Director, Children's Social Care, Safeguarding & Care Planning Services	 The scheme for free prescriptions for care experienced young people aged 18-25 has been rolled out in June 2023 to all our young people in conjunction with Pharmacy Alliance and CLA health. Integrated Care Board (ICB) have also agreed ongoing funding for our Mental Health (MH) Practitioner who sits within our Leaving Care service and is able to deliver responsive interventions and support to young people with MH need, they also support with hospital discharge and complex multi-agency work. 79% of RHAs held in timeframe for CLA and 81% of immunisations for CLA are in timeframe.

7. Maintain a	Embed THRIVE (mental	April 2024	Assistant	 The THRIVE Team provides therapeutic
relentless focus on	health) provision to ensure	(AP)	Director	intervention and support to any child or
improving	access it available for all		Specialist	young person (and carers) known to
outcomes for	children in need, and carers in		Services	Bromley Children's Services who, for
Bromley's looked	need of support.			whatever reason do not live with their
after children and	need of eappert.			
care leavers. In-				birth parents. This includes adopted
order to meet the				children, children looked-after and
pledge, the Council				children cared for by special guardians
has made to these				or connected persons.
young people, we				 The service has a dedicated worker who
will continue to				works in conjunction with CAHMS to
develop our				provide therapeutic services to children
partnerships				looked after.
across the Council,				Therapeutic sessions are also
NHS, DWP and				undertaken with the children and their
housing providers				
to: increase the				carers'. The work includes therapeutic
choice of high-				life journey, which supports young
quality placements;				people and the carers to consolidate the
improve our				experiences of the child's emotional care
education offer;				journey.
help young people				 The work undertaken by THRIVE with
maintain good				children and their carers, prevents
health and				placement breakdown and enable
wellbeing; and				children and their care-givers to develop
increase housing				
and employment				positive strategies to help regulate
opportunities.				emotions, pre-empt dysregulated
				behaviours and develop pro-social
				responses to manage difficult feelings.

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	d) Further develop the local offer for care leavers	Care leavers will receive improved assessment, support, and services and each will have their own advisor; local offer reviewed regularly	April 2024 (AP)	Assistant Director, Children's Social Care, Safeguarding & Care Planning Services	 Consultation, engagement and coproduction with Bromley Living in Care Council (LinCC), Change for Care Leavers Forum (CfCL) and senior leaders from Corporate Parenting Board. The local offer has been revised in conjunction with CfCL in January 2023 and the updated documents have been published and shared.

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8. Build on the progress we have made in improving services for children who have Special Educational Needs (SEND), continuing to build on working partnerships with parents, carers, agencies and SEND Governance Board	a) Implement our SEND vision and priorities. Improved multidisciplinary and cross agency support (health, education and social care) for young people	Targets for completion of Education Health Care Plan's (EHCPs) within 20 weeks are met	April 2024 (AP)	Director Education	 EHCP timeliness is reported on a calendar year basis. Performance for 2022 was 31%, significantly below target, primarily as a result of receiving late advice as part of the process. The new Bromley Funded Inclusion Plans are being rolled out, which provides support for CYP, whose needs are best met with an enhanced level of support not within the statutory route. There have been significant improvements in clearing the backlog of assessments and improving overall 20 week timeliness.

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8. Build on the	b)	Increase the	Settings understand the 'local	April 2024	Director of	 Continued and focused work delivered
progress we have		effectiveness of	offer' and are confident about	(AP)	Education	by SEN Advisory Teams, providing
made in		partnership working	who they need to contact in			support and challenge to schools,
improving		between education	order to provide appropriate			promoting the graduated approach.
services for		settings, health,	and timely support to CYP and			 Continuing to provide traded and project
children who		social care and other	families			work through Education Provision
have Special		partner agencies,				Service, early support, promoting
Educational		providing support and				inclusion at pre-statutory work.
Needs (SEND),		advice to staff,				 Local Offer kept under review and
continuing to		children and young				promoted with co-production of families
build on working		people and families to				and professionals.
partnerships with		support those with				and professionals.
parents, carers,		SEN				
agencies and						
SEND	c)	Improve services for	Waiting times measured	April 2024	Associate	Bromley Council and NHS South-East
Governance	_	children and young	through All-Age Autism Board	(AP)	Director of	London Integrated Care Board (ICB) in
Board		people with social	and Autism Family Support	,	Integrated	partnership with Bromley Healthcare and
		communication	Contract feedback from		Commissioning	Oxleas, have been reviewing current
		difficulties including	families			ASD pathway linked to the South-East
		Autism				London ASD core offer.
						 We are working over the next few months on future recommendations on
						the ASD pathway model to address
						waiting time pressures.
						We are also looking at short term
						improvements to address current waiting
						time pressures.

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9.	Promote the	a)	Mainstream schools	Increased number of children	April 2024	Director	•	
	proper inclusion		and settings are able	and young people accessing	(AP)	Education		work through EP Service, early support,
	of young people		to provide for an	mainstream settings in their				promoting inclusion at pre-statutory
	who have SEND		increased level of	local community				work.
	in local		complexity, enabling				•	Support and challenge to settings where
	universal		children & young					the Local Authority is not assured that
	services,		people (CYP) who					reasonable adjustments have been
	through:		have SEND to be					made in-order-to support CYP in
	developing and		supported effectively					mainstream schools.
	implementing		within mainstream					Investment in resource for mainstream
	joint		settings					schools to promote and enable higher
	commissioning		· ·					levels of inclusion.
	strategies;							icvolo or includioni
	prioritising							
	localise needs,	b)	Ensure sufficient	Deliver new SEN Free School	April 2024			DfE feasibility for SEN Free School
	including	,	schools places to	and Multi-Agency Centre for	(AP)			underway. Site clearance work
	increasing more		meet rising demand	Excellence (MACE)	()			undertaken to enable surveys to be
	local specialist		for SEND places					completed.
	placement		. o. o = . t.o p. o. o o					completed.
	choice; and							
	establishing a							
	service							
	structure which							
	supports							
	mainstream							
	schools,							
	settings and							
	partnership							
	working							
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	c) Transform the Bromley CYP Integrated Therapies (Physiotherapy, Speech & Language, and Occupational Therapy) commissioning and provision achieved through co-production	Commission and provide extra resource; Coproduce, redesign and strengthen a Graduated 3-tier (Universal, Targeted and Specialist) Approach; Develop a Commissioning Framework for Therapies	April 2024 (AP)	Associate Director Children's Commissioning	 We have been working across Bromley Healthcare, ICB and Council on the proposed balanced model implementation. Initial proposals have been agreed and a detailed implementation plan is being worked on. This will be supported by Project Management support and an overarching governance board, plus task and finish engagement group. The implementation will be developed during the next quarter, with the current planned for start of February-April 2024. A phased approach will be undertaken to ensure appropriate resources are in place for the successful delivery of the model.

10	Develop our	a)	Helping young people	Young people and their	April 2024	Head of		A third worker has now been recruited
.0.	offer to young	u)	prepare for adulthood	families being fully involved in	(AP)	Service, 0-25		within the Preparing for Adulthood Team,
	adults aged 18		from the earliest	strategic planning and service	(/4)	Service,		this will support the service supporting
	to 25 who have			design supporting		Children and		young people whose primary need is a
	SEND, including		years	commissioners in the				physical disability.
	•					Young People		physical disability.
	improving			development of services		with		A Parformance Management Framework
	transitions into					Disabilities	•	A Performance Management Framework
	adulthood and,	b)	Providing services	Young people and their	April 2024			Report has been drafted to set standards
	for those with		that are focused on	families being at the centre of	(AP)			for the service, consider how future needs are identified and setting key performance
	continuing		how they can support	individual service planning,				indicators to monitor the delivery of the
	needs, adult		young people to	delivery and review.				service.
	services.		progress through					Service.
			preparing for	Evidencing positive and				
			adulthood' outcomes	improving outcomes for young				Future events are to be considered to
				people.				inform families of localised options.
								Marjorie McClure held a transition event
		c)	Achieving an	Providing a well-maintained	April 2024			and the LA held a local offer event in the
			effective, fully	Local Offer with up-to-date and	(AP)			autumn term 2023 which supported the
			engaged, strategic	clear information				sharing of information on preparing for
			partnership of					adulthood. An initial Transitional Working
			agencies working					Group has been held and a further
			collaboratively with an					meeting planned for March 2024.
			inclusive ethos				•	The group will aim to move forward on
								future Preparing for Adulthood (PfA)
								events and developing information and
								operational practices on the 4 PfA
								pathways. A new Integrated Transition
								Register has been developed, which will
								support future commissioning of services.

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11. Work collaboratively across the Council, schools, health and voluntary sector services to improve the identification of, and support to, children and young people who are young carers	a) Enable young carers to access information, online, advice, support, and access to services	Delivery of an effective young carers' strategy, support and action plan	April 2024 (AP)	Assistant Director Integrated Commissioning	 A Carers Plan, including support to young carers has been agreed between London Borough of Bromley and the Integrated Care Board (ICB). The Plan includes the local offer and actions in support of improving the offer to young carers. A Carers Charter to be led by Bromley Well will invite other Bromley agencies to take part in a broader Bromley support offer to Carers. The Carers Plan was signed off at the Children's, Education & Families PDS in September 2023.

12	Work to	a)	Transform the	Supporting higher number of	April 2024	Senior		Work continues to progress on the
12.	improve the	aj	Bromley CYP Mental	children and young people	April 2024	Commissioning		creation of an integrated single point of
	emotional		Health and Wellbeing	coming into services with		Manager –		
	wellbeing and		Single Point of	multi-faceted and complex		Children and		access between Bromley Y and CAMHS,
	mental health of		•	·		Young People's		which will see a joint screening and
			Access (SPA) in	challenges and waiting times		Mental Health		triage process to support CYP accessing
	young people in		order to deliver	being reduced		and Wellbeing		the right support in a timelier manner.
	Bromley,		improved services,			and wellbeling	•	Focused work to reduce the waits for
	providing		shorter waiting times					CAMHS also continues, with significant
	support earlier		and integrated					reductions in both the overall waiting list
	in schools and		delivery across					and those waiting the longest – with total
	other settings,		CAMHS and Bromley					waits at 155 as of December 2023, down
	and improving		Υ					61% on December 2022 and a reduction
	access to, and							of almost 30% of those waiting 52 weeks
	waiting times							plus, over the same period.
	for, more						•	However, waiting times continue to be a
	specialist Child							challenge, particularly within the neuro
	and Adolescent							pathway.
	Mental Health							
	Services	b)	Reduce the number	Joint work across Oxleas	April 2024		•	A full deep dive analysis has been
	(CAMHS). We		of referrals of children	CAMHS, Bromley Y, South	(AP)			conducted to review presentations to
	will focus		and young people	East London Integrated Care	(/ 11)			A&E. A working group will be established
	resources on		into A&E due to their	Board, Bromley Council,				to review the findings and develop a
	improving our		mental ill health in	schools and other partners to				cross-organisational action plan that
	response to:		Bromley, but instead	consider the outcomes of a				seeks to promote early intervention and
	young people		provide an embedded	refreshed analysis of Bromley				prevention.
	with eating		partnership system of	A&E/crisis cases for children				1
	disorders;		early intervention and	and young people with mental				
	perpetrators		support	health challenges.				
	and victims of							

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sexually harmful behaviour; and young people in youth offending services (YOS).	c) Establish an eating disorders early intervention pilot in Bromley, linked to the Single Point of Access (SPA) and Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs) in schools	An innovative early intervention/prevention pilot between the NHS/voluntary sector to support children and young people who have disordered eating challenges to receive support, advice and clinical input where required	April 2024	Senior Commissioning Manager – Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing	 The Pilot is progressing well and developing increased staff confidence to support children and promote early identification, advice and support, through specialist consultations with Maudsley Centre for Child & Adolescent Eating Disorders (MCAEDS). The second element to this pilot is the delivery of the 'me and my body' and 'happy being me' programmes, to promote positive self-esteem/image, which is being successfully piloted in 3 Primary Schools and 3 Secondary Schools across the borough. A full evaluation of the pilot will take place to review impact, look at lessons learned and inform future commissioning decisions.

13. Deliver our Youth Justice strategy by working holistically and collaboratively to deliver our 'child first' principle – aiming to reduce the numbers of children and young people offending or at	a)	Provide multi-agency support to those at risk of entering the youth justice system or who have been convicted	Reducing the numbers of children entering the youth justice system.	April 2024 (AP)	Assistant Director Specialist Services	•	London Borough of Bromley's rate of first-time entrants has reduced annually by 1% and is 27% lower than the average for London. The rate is also 19% below the national average and 27% lower than London. First-time entrant rate is also 8% lower than stat neighbours and is the lowest rate compared with the 6 surrounding boroughs.
risk of offending, including developing the YOS work with younger offenders and our partnership approach to addressing harmful gang activity and violent crime. We will continue to engage offenders and victims in developing our restorative justice approaches.	b)	Address disproportionality	YOS disproportionality action plan delivered.	April 2024 (AP)		•	Youth Justice Service (YJS) has continued to strengthen and enhance preventative work with children and young people, including the implementation of Engage and Turnaround projects. The increased focus on the preventative support offer continues to support the positive trend achieved in reducing numbers of first-time entrants into the YJS. Commission Youth Ink peer to peer mentoring network work with CYPs offering additional support and mentoring, which includes contributing to interventions delivered by the YJS by seeking the views of the children who access this service.

13. Deliver our Youth Justice strategy by working holistically and collaboratively to deliver our 'child first' principle – aiming to reduce the numbers of children and young people offending or at risk of offending, including developing the YOS work with younger offenders and our partnership approach to addressing harmful gang activity and violent crime. We will continue to engage offenders and victims in developing our restorative justice approaches.	c)	Provide multi-agency support to CYP with SEND at risk of entering the youth justice system or who have been convicted	Multi-agency meetings held monthly to share intelligence, agree solutions to provide wrap-around support for the young person, to achieve the best outcome	April 2024 (AP)	Assistant Director Specialist Services	•	Plan 2023/24 that sets out our work for the next year including addressing our strategic priorities; how we intend to promote long term desistance; our commitment to understanding and effecting change in behaviour through the support and resources we have available. Assurance reports presented quarterly to the Youth Justice Service (YJS) Executive Board. YJS have commissioned Trauma training for all staff in YJS.
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d) To ensure Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) support to Youth Offending Service (YOS) is provided through a tiered model (universal, targeted and specialist support) with clear agreed outcomes	Young people being referred for assessment and support.	April 2024 (AP)	Assistant Director Specialist Services	 Young people coming into the service have an initial SALT SCREENING, assessing need, areas of development and strengths – 3-6 sessions agreed. The collaborative approach between YJS and SEN continues to meet to support improvements for children with ECHP and young people through ETE pathways. Provide positive and aspirational interventions with children and young people which has continued to improve, with support through funding from the Jack Petchey award. The YJS had monthly multi-agency meetings with SEN to ensure all SEN children open to the YJS and who require an EHCP, receive the appropriate educational support
				children open to the YJS and who require an EHCP, receive the

14. Provide venues	a)	Review Youth	Ensure appropriate youth	April 2024	Assistant	• T	he youth service review continues, and
where young		Services	services offer is operational	7 7 202 !	Director		e are now relooking at the service in
people can mix					Specialist		ght of the statutory positive activity
in a safe					Services	,	uties in the newly issued guidance in
environment,							eptember 2023 for "Statutory guidance
learn, explore							or local authorities on services to
and develop						in	nprove young people's well-being."
skills and						• T	he service continues to deliver positive
where, if						a	ctivities across its hubs and mobile
required, early						te	eam offering a safe environment and
intervention can						pe	ersonal social education.
be identified,							
including	b)	Provide careers	Retain good NEET	April 2024		• 0	Ingoing group work offer for young
vocational		advice and offer work	performance for post 16	(AP)		pe	eople needing pre-employability skills
training and		experience and				aı	nd confidence raising.
apprenticeships		apprenticeships to				• N	EET performance for care leavers is
in line with local		young people				no	ow directly monitored by the Care
business needs.		together with support				Le	eaving team. The youth support
		in education, training,					rogramme team offer support to the
		and employment				С	LA/LCT NEET panel meetings and via
						in	formal support between workers.
							he service has the statutory
							esponsibility for tracking and supporting
						-	oung people who are NEET or at risk of
						be	eing NEET and we continue to ensure
							ll young people have an offer of
							dividual or small group support for
						in	formation, advice and guidance and
						eı	mployability support.

15. Information about how Bromley is supporting young people experiencing loneliness and/or getting involved in this topic.	Loneliness Champion to continue to build local partnership working and make stronger links with care leavers	Children and young people becoming less lonely and isolated; improving their mental health and linking older generations with younger generations together within local communities	April 2024 (AP)	Assistant Director Strategy, Performance and Corporate Transformation	 As part of the Children and Family Assessments, loneliness and social isolation are identified, and families are sign-posted to appropriate services. The Principal Loneliness Champion (PLC) has a resident spot on the Agenda at the Schools Mental Health and Wellbeing leads networking event which occurs each term during the academic year. In November 2023, the Principal Loneliness Champion met with over 500 residents across the community at the Children and family centres, Library 'baby rhyme time' sessions, Bromley Market, and the Inspired Youth Conference (29th November 2023) providing printed leaflets, information and signposting services to parents and young people to support these groups through loneliness and social isolation. In December, 44 schools (primary and secondary), 6 children and family centres and a Mytime Active afterschool club made 5,000 cards which were delivered to a variety of local community locations including care homes, libraries, charities, health and hospitals. The Bromley Children's Project continue to support efforts to connect people via the Children and Family centres during various

	ssistant Director	celebration days and awareness weeks i.e., religious festivals and Month of
St	strategy,	Community (June 2024).
Pe	Performance •	The PLC continues to deliver the Tackling
ar	nd Corporate	Loneliness Workshop to front line
	ransformation	professionals supporting childing and young adults who may be experiencing loneliness within Bromley. Dedicated sessions with teachers and Health visitors are scheduled for late 2024. A Tackling Loneliness SharePoint page was created for all staff at the LBB which will help the signpost services within their role. Bromley Childrens Project is taking part in
	•	a survey to capture, specifically how the Children and Family centres are helping to bring people together within the community and its impact around loneliness and isolation. This is a multiagency study and results will be shared when the results are gathered in spring 2024. The PLC delivered the now professionally accredited Tackling Loneliness Workshop to 11 Bromley Youth Council members in December 2023. We have now created a group of Youth Loneliness Champions. Future training will be delivered in March 2024 for all new Council members.

Ambition 5

To manage our resources well, providing value for money, efficient and effective services for Bromley's residents.

Portfolio links

This priority has links with the following portfolio plans:

• Children, Education and Families

Strategic links:

This priority has links with the following strategic plans:

- Performance Management Framework
- Quality Assurance Framework
- Bromley Relationship Social Work Model
- User Voice and Engagement Framework

What are we going to do?

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1. Living within our means. We are rightly expected to work within our budgets to deliver high quality services to our residents whilst ensuring the prudent and efficient management of our finances through the operation of sound finance systems and processes	a) Work within our budgets and maintain sound financial processes and systems	Maintain an effective Performance and Quality Assurance Management oversight	April 2024 (AP) April 2024 (AP)	Director Children, Education and Families Assistant Director Strategy, Performance and Corporate Transformation	 Quarterly budget monitoring enables effective Member oversight. Key areas of spend are overseen monthly by the Director with additional monthly oversight of the deliverability of Transformation Proposals and associated financial implications. A robust performance management framework delivers weekly, monthly and quarterly oversight. To enable good management oversight for managers and other key stakeholders. Members receive an annual and sixmonthly reports on key areas of work. In addition to a quarterly performance dashboard consistent of a suite of indicative set of KPls which assure of the deliverability of services. Demand measures provide evidence on resource pressures.

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opportunistic and collaborative in making bids to Government and other funding sources to increase resources available to the Partnership. Lobby the Government and Government departments strongly for increased resources when we see a need or opportunity	a) Lobby the government for increased resources	Be opportunistic in making bids for funding sources and additional resources	April 2024 (AP)	Director Children, Education and Families	 Children's services take every opportunity to lobby for a fairer funding for services. SEN demand pressures are regularly raised at discussions with the Regional Director's office. We do surveys for London Councils in terms of our financial position which they use as London wide lobbying. Peter Turner (Director of Finance) meets with government representatives to discuss funding for Bromley and London as part of his role in the Society of London Treasurers. This is ongoing and for all areas but has discussed the financial disregard, etc. We are currently in discussion with DfE around the Deficit recovery plan. 	

	AKING BROMLEY EN BETTER	DETAIL	MEASURES OF SUCCESS	TARGET DATE	LEAD	UPDATES
3.	Recognising the importance of our workforce to the achievement of our ambitions and implementing workforce strategies which help to recruit and retain the highest quality staff for services in the borough	a) Recruit and retain the highest quality staff across the whole workforce	Workforce Stable	April 2024 (AP)	Director Children, Education and Families / Director of HR	 The Recruitment and Retention Board Chaired by the Director of HR continues to ensure Bromley are best placed to mobilise a stable and well-trained workforce. Bromley has relaunched its Wake Up 2 Care programme which had previously successfully recruited over 35 carers in the last round. We are also supporting the care homes and domiciliary care agencies with overseas recruitment. The Council continues to support and facilitate the Proud to Care initiative.

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4. Maintaining our focus on commissioning and market shaping, developing integrated and joint commissioning where it makes sense to do so, and ensuring we commission intelligently with clear outcomes in mind. Ensuring our commissioned services deliver what is expected through robust and active contract management	a) Commission services intelligently and integrate services where appropriate	Effective contract management Timely procurement Good co-production where appropriate	April 2024 (AP)	Assistant Director of Integrated Commissioning	 Contracts continue to be monitored robustly to ensure that services are delivered to meet expectation. The department continues to work through inflation related issues with providers. The commissioning team have had the opportunity to utilise the new Short Breaks for Disabled Children Framework, resulting in school holiday activities that maximise the skills and potential of children and young people. The team are preparing for the upcoming Domiciliary Care tender which will include a service for children with disabilities and children that have Continuing Care needs. The Team is working with other boroughs to consider how the Family Drug and Alcohol Service will be commissioned in the future.

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5. Continuing to exploit the benefits of digitalisation in service delivery through a new Digital Strategy, integrating systems and	a) Exploit the benefits of digitalisation	Bed in use of Liquid Logic new social care management system	April 2024 (AP)	Director Children, Families and Education	 New Microsoft Power BI dashboards are being developed to enable greater management oversight. LBB are also embarking on the Digital and IT Strategy which will be delivered in the next 5 months and children services will be consulted for it.
processes where it is feasible and practical. The Council will learn from best practice with a view to utilising technologies which provide practical improvements to our services.		Continually explore opportunities and implement, such as the use of Virtual Reality Headsets for Domestic Violence Training.	April 2024 (AP)	Assistant Director of Specialist Services	 Virtual Reality continues to be a well embedded practice tool in Bromley Children Social Care as well within the practice of Education Partners. There are trained VR practitioners within each service area of Children Social Care and champions to lead and promote VR as a practice tool in their services. 25 additional practitioners have received VR training from April 2023 to date with a total of 66 certified VR across Children Social Care since April 2022. From April 2023, 19 foster carer attended VR training on Trauma and Child Sexual exploitation and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

6.	Developing information and knowledge sharing across Partnership agencies to enhance the intelligence	b)	Maintain effective strategic and operational partnership	Including; Children's Executive, Bromley Safeguarding Children Partnership, Corporate Parenting Board	April 2024 (AP)	Director Children, Families and Education	 Operational and strategic partnership work is ongoing and mature. Escalations are used appropriately within agencies to enable resolutions to emerging issues. Strategic Threat Assessments shared across partnership with contemporary intelligence.
	available to all agencies in planning and evaluating our services	c)	Maintain and Effective 'Engagement Framework'	Deliver annual 'you said we did' reports as evidence	April 2024 (AP)	Assistant Director Strategy, Performance and Corporate Transformation	 New framework and toolkit developed during 2022/23. Framework endorsed by CEF PDS on 20 June and ACH PDS on 27 June 2023. 6 monthly 'You said, we did' highlight reports are presented to the Children's Executive Board and CEF PDS. Digital "Childs Voice Hub" is enabling the Children Executive Partnership to share best practice, a toolkit and feedback findings amongst other professionals.

Our ambitions framework

OUR VISION A fantastic place to live and work, where everyone can lead healthy, safe and independent lives **OUR AMBITIONS** For children and young people to grow For adults and older people to enjoy For residents to live responsibly and For people to make their homes in To manage our resources well, providing up, thrive and have the best life fulfilled and successful lives in Bromley prosper in a safe, clean and green Bromley and for business, enterprise chances in families who flourish and environment great for today and a ageing well, retaining independence and the third sector to prosper effective services for Bromley's residents are happy to call Bromley home sustainable future and making choices WHAT WE WILL DO A good start to life Growing older positively A home for everyone A safe and protected community Living within our means Focus our primary healthcare on improve health outcomes for adults and Meet the housing needs of our Work within our budgets and maintain arrange Adopt 'systems thinking' to problem promoting protective factors older people with a focus on prevention sound financial processes and systems residents solve and reduce crime and disorder Promote and enhance multi-agency Embed our 'strengths based approach' Support those who are at risk of @ Protect communities from nuisance of Lobby the government for increased early help services in adult social care becoming homeless behaviour, rogue traders, poor food resources when we see a need hygiene and the risk of fire embed our wellbeing model Integrate our health and care services Provide longer-term housing options to effectively manage the collection of errorect the local environment through reduce the use of temporary Council Tax and Business Rates accommodation effective and responsible enforcement Learning and living well Living independently A home for businesses A clean and green environment Transforming our services Improve life outcomes for those have a er Encourage economic growth and Collectively sustain a clean, green and Maintain high educational standards Recruit and retain the highest quality and enable parents to have choice learning disability or mental health, and regeneration across the borough tidy environment staff across the whole workforce those who are informal carers @ Promote educational inclusion for all of Improve the public realm, especially in Increase levels of recycling and @ Exploit the benefits of digitalisation Help older people age well and minimise levels of waste town centres and business investment Make the best use of our resources, independently er Promote more sustainable forms of care and care leavers, those who have including the public estate and our of Explore and implement innovation in Develop our town centres to provide special educational needs, and young transport and enhance the travel offer seeking to improve outcomes for focal points for communities carers service users Healthy and safe lives A carbon neutral environment Collaborating and innovating together Living well A community for all Tackle carbon levels in the borough by Improve support for those with poorer Promote and enhance multi-agency Maintain our collective investment in Be opportunistic in making bids for health outcomes early help services leisure facilities and cultural assets becoming a net zero carbon Council funding sources and additional resources er Encourage residents and businesses to of Maintain our safeguarding practice of Maintain and develop our education of Maintain our high quality library service Commission services intelligently and and skills offer reduce their carbon-emissions integrate services where it makes Focus on reducing the number of young Support the enhancement of the third sense to do so improve air quality people in the youth justice system sector and increase volunteering Maintain our safeguarding practice Explore and implement innovation in service delivery and design