

Engagement Matters

January to March 2022

Education, Health and Care Services are working together to improve our support across Bromley for children and young people who have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) and their families.



Local Offer Online

The development of the new **LB Bromley** corporate website is under way with an expected launch of May 22nd. This website will host the **Local Offer** giving a platform for the latest content.



Supporting a Culture Change

Bromley has recently become a national hub for the **Autism Education Trust (AET)**. We are rolling out a 3-phase licence across Early Years, Schools and Post 16. The standards and framework that underpin **AET** are focused on supporting a culture change within education settings, providing knowledge and professional development to its workforce, as well as focusing on providing appropriate support to our autistic students.

Changing Places facilities in Bromley

Through our work with **Need to Change**, a group of parent carers who are dedicated to raising awareness for children and adults with complex disabilities and their families, the Council has been awarded £220,000 to build new **Changing Places** facilities in Bromley including at **Crystal Palace Park**, **High Elms Country Park** and the **Princess Royal University Hospital (PRUH)**.



Design your Life Surveys

Consultation with young people has taken place with the development of online surveys (Design your life). Feedback from this consultation will directly impact the development of a new Children and Young People's hub on the **Local Offer** and the new 0 – 25 service.



Four Week Notification to Parents

The Local Authority is now required to provide **SEN2** data to the **Department for Education (DfE)** on the timeliness of 4-week notification to parents following annual review meetings.



Short Breaks for Children with SEND

An agreement has been given to provide a range of short breaks focussed on holiday periods over four years across the Borough for children with **SEND**.

Short Breaks for 18+ via Direct Payments

We have held a focus group with parents and carers to explore developing our adult short break offer. Consideration will be given to whether some of the newly commissioned children and young people short break schemes can be accessed by young people post 18 via direct payments.

Preparing for Adulthood

We are creating an integrated approach to preparing for adulthood across Education, Health and Social Care. **The Council's Transformation Board** has agreed in principle to a new 0-25 service and has created a new Head of Service 0-25 post. Our second Transition event took place at the Warren on Monday 25th April 2022. The event was very well attended by both young people supported by their schools and colleges and parent/carers. The event was planned using learning from our October event and included a strong focus on Preparing for Adulthood outcomes across pathways.



Therapy Support

We have met with representatives from the **Bromley Youth Council**, **Living in Care Council (LINCC)** and **Darrick Wood Secondary Hearing Base** to coproduce a pathway (including a range of resources, information, advice and services) making it easier for children and young people to access the therapy support they need in a timely way.

Theatre Arts

We are working with **Remix Theatre Arts** to support young people with SEND to have their voices heard.



Local Offer Down Syndrome Awareness Online

Following **World Down Syndrome awareness week** in March, we are working with the **Bromley Down Syndrome Support Group** to develop a Down Syndrome page for the Local Offer.

Embracing Diversity

On 7th March the **Embracing Diversity** team held a **Bring and Share lunch** in central Bromley. The project seeks to reduce isolation and create an opportunity for diversity in SEND by bringing people together with equal opportunity of representation and voices to be heard.



SEND Live Event

Our **SEND Matters** live event was held in the **Glades** from 23rd – 26th March. The store was visited by over 60 families who were able to access information and ask any questions that they may have.

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