



Learner and Learning Support

## Development of an Education Health and Care plan

### Summary

This draft Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) was designed for use with young people aged 14-25 years in the borough of Bromley. The plan is accompanied by a presentation of the implementation plan. The EHCP was developed by Bromley Council with support and contributions from young people, their parents, schools, colleges, independent specialist colleges, local authority service managers. It also includes contributions from the Local Authority Preparing for Adulthood Coordinators, the voluntary sector and representatives from health and social care.

### Developing the EHCP

The EHCP was developed in close consultation with local colleges and special schools, and also with a wide range of people within Bromley. We also worked closely with other pathfinders to seek best practice and learning from across the country. There was nervousness about using a plan that we were unsure would work, but as parents told us 'get it 80% right and the 20% will get sorted through testing on the ground.

We are currently in the process of developing guidance in response to feedback provided from families, young people and a range of partners as we test out the plan. Both positive and negative feedback has been received and Bromley are addressing barriers as they arise.

It is becoming more apparent that the template in some ways is not the critical success factor – it's the skills and knowledge of the workforce who are working with young people and families together with clear guidance that will enable success.

## Using the EHCP

Bromley is a pathfinder site and so have developed the draft EHC Plan to test with this cohort in response to the SEND reforms. The draft EHCP is currently being tested in Bromley with a number of young people and their families. Sharing of the draft plan is now becoming wider through partnership working across local, sub-regional and regional working. As the draft is tested and issues/feedback are logged, the EHC Plan will be tweaked as will the associated guidance and shared accordingly.

In the future, the new EHC Plan will be used from an earlier age (14yrs) to develop holistic planning across the 4 key life pathways (community inclusion, work opportunities, independent living and good health), resulting in sustained progression leading to better life outcomes.

The testing of this plan will inform Local Authority strategy as it moves forward to implement changes as a result of the new legislation. The draft plan will support Local Authorities to test in their own boroughs and consult with young people, families and partners to seek feedback and create a 'local document'. This will also act as a point of reference for Local Authorities and partners when putting changes in place.

Ideally, we would like to attain some consistency across London around the 'look and feel' of the EHC Plan, which would support providers and those in FE in particular. The plan remains draft and we will continue to develop it through sharing and continual feedback secured via the Champion status at local, sub-regional and regional levels. Guidance to accompany the EHC Plan will also be developed and again will evolve through feedback.

### Attachments:

1. Bromley draft EHC Plan as at 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013
2. Presentation – implementing the EHC Plan for 14-25 year olds