

**Health and Wellbeing Board
Update on Priorities
January 2016**

<p>Title of Priority Helping vulnerable families</p> <p>Responsible officers Gail Tolley and Dr Sarah Basham</p>	
<p>Summary of objectives</p> <p>The following objectives are outlined in the Brent Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2015-17:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve the identification and assessment of all vulnerable children underpinned by robust safeguarding procedures 2. Improve multi-disciplinary working for children with additional complex needs 3. Improve outcomes for Looked After Children 4. Helping families with complex needs 5. Reduce the impact of poor quality housing on health and wellbeing <p>In addition to the objectives outlined in the Strategy, the Children's Trust are focusing on the following priority groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children under 5 • Children and young people with mental health problems • Children looked after • Children and young people with special educational needs and disability • Young Carers 	<p>Summary of key outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve outcomes by providing help to 3,300 troubled families during the expanded programme • Reduce inequalities in quality of life outcomes for our most vulnerable children, young people and families in the borough
<p>Progress achieved to date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the first Troubled Families Programme Brent worked with 810 of the borough's most vulnerable families. • Brent's position on the national ranking of local authorities' ability to achieve sustainable employment for families was very high. Brent was second highest in London and fifth place nationally. • Brent Council joined the Expanded Programme as an "Early Starter" in January 2015 ahead of the national launch in April 2015. Brent committed to identifying and working with 731 families by March 2016. We successfully met this target in January 2016, which is ahead of time. • Agreement of TORs for Looked After Children (LAC) Transformation group. • A workshop was held to develop the LAC group's priorities; the focus will be on 	

improving outcomes across a range of areas – education/training, placements, health participation as well as preventing the need for children becoming looked after.

Planned actions for next quarter:

- To start the early identification and registration of more families into the Troubled Families Programme in order to meet 2017 targets
- Development of a commissioning plan for children and young people, focusing on the five priority groups
- A LAC plan of activity will be produced within one month.
- The LAC transformation group will complete an audit of its current commissioning activity within CYP.

Risks and mitigating actions

Risk: Failure to identify families.

Mitigation: Clear referral pathways have been established and a programme of continuous training is rolled out to ensure staff are kept up to date on the process. Also key service areas are given targets to achieve and progress is monitored.

Risk: Failure of key stakeholders to engage with the programme and meet service specific targets.

Mitigation: Performance is closely monitoring by a Data Team and regular reporting is fed back to an Operational Group and Strategic Board to ensure informed decisions and actions can be taken.

A newly formed Joint Commissioning Group will monitor risks and issues across commissioning priorities for children and young people.