

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

Title of Priority	Helping vulnerable families	
Responsible officers	Gail Tolley and Dr Sarah Basham	
Summary of objectives	Summary of key outcomes	
<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 and Children's Joint Commissioning Group (JCG) 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 	<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 	
Progress achieved to date		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The planned actions for Troubled Families registration have been achieved. We have exceed the target number of families for this period. Stakeholders are more involved and multi-agency links are improving. • Further developed the Children with Disabilities and Children in Need funded respite nursery places. Now fully utilised. Panel is multi-agency and join work progresses well. • Members of the Joint Commissioning Group (JCG) have attended the Commissioning Academy and developed a '100 Day Plan', which will help deliver a wider commissioning framework for the new corporate Commissioning and 		

Procurement Board.

- Transformation groups for Children and young people with mental health problems, Children looked after and Young Carers have each developed a 'Plan on a Page' – documents providing high-level overviews of objectives and outcomes for each area, which are being used to identify links and opportunities between groups.

Planned actions for next quarter:

- Additional SEND training and support to all Private, Voluntary, or Independent (PVI) childcare providers.
- Continue to increase number of vulnerable families identified and worked with as part of Troubled Families programme.
- New referrals process (and related training) for Early Help Assessment (EHA) (CAF replacement). Continue try to resolve IT issues so as to implement electronic version ASAP.
- JCG membership will expand to include representation from CVS Brent to begin scoping actions required to increase the capacity of local community and voluntary organisations, with a view to them bidding for and delivering services in future.
- JCG will complete a contracts map providing details of:
 - What all transformation groups / areas are commissioning
 - For how long, with contract start and end dates
 - What the notice periods of each contract are
 - An overview of each contracts specifications and key outcomesThis will be used to help identify gaps in provision and commissioning opportunities.
- £30K funding has been received by the CCG from NHS England for a part-time post for a joint CYP mental health and wellbeing commissioning role between CCG and LA – role specification will be developed.

Risks and mitigating actions

Risk: Failure to identify troubled 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 partners to train and take on lead worker role now that team is at capacity.

Mitigation: More training, flexible individual contracts with service managers and operations group and strategic board taking lead re this.

Risk: IT issues prevent electronic EHA

Mitigation: Operational Director taking up with IT Director.