

	Health and Wellbeing Board 23 April 2019
	Report from the Chair of Brent Children's Trust
Brent Children's Trust supplementary update - April 2019	

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	N/A
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: <small>(If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)</small>	Open
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. The Brent Children's Trust (BCT) is a strategic partnership body made up of commissioners and key partners. The primary functions of the BCT include commissioning, joint planning and collaborative working to ensure that resources are allocated and utilised to deliver maximum benefits for children and young people in Brent.
- 1.2. The BCT has been reporting to the Brent Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) by providing an update paper every six months. The last report, covering April 2018 – September 2018 was presented to the HWB in January 2019.
- 1.3. To strengthen the HWB oversight and remit, the BCT will now provide the HWB with an annual priorities report at the start of each municipal year plus one additional six monthly update report per year.

- 1.4. This paper provides a supplementary update of the BCT work programme from October 2018 and also outlines the priority areas of focus for the Brent Children's Trust from April 2019 to March 2020.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the priority areas of focus for the Brent Children's Trust from April 2019 to March 2020.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The BCT meets every two months to review progress against the priority areas of focus and address any emerging local and national issues. From October 2018 the BCT met three times on 13 November 2018, 22 January 2019 and 12 March 2019.
- 3.2 The BCT, through its Joint Commissioning Group (JCG), oversees five groups tasked with implementing specific priorities across the partnership.
- 3.3 The BCT, JCG and transformation groups have consistent attendance with representation from Brent Council and Brent Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Other key stakeholders also attend the JCG which includes three school head teachers who have been active members since September 2017.
- 3.4 Since October 2018 the BCT has examined three main strategic themes: Early Help, 0-25 Service for Children with Disabilities and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Early Help

- 3.4.1 The BCT is assured that significant progress has been made against the Early Help Framework.
- 3.4.2 This progress has been steered by the development of a delivery plan, led by the Working with Families Strategic Board, which reports into the BCT
- 3.4.3 The BCT noted the following key areas of progress:
- delivery of an extensive training programme aimed to embed the 'Lead Worker' and 'Whole Family Assessment' approach.
 - predicting future vulnerability
 - supporting parents to build the skills, knowledge and confidence to be confident, good parents
 - extending whole family working (Brent Family Front Door now only accept whole family early help assessments for referrals)
 - the 80% Troubled Families caseload target has been met
- 3.4.4 The BCT also accepted further progress is planned on the following priority areas:

- launch of the Early Help Assessment Portal
- completing Information Sharing Agreements
- ensuring new commissioning arrangements and future roles reflect the commitment to whole family working.

3.4.5 The BCT recognised the need to focus on the needs of local children and families in the context of diminishing resources specifically:

- The national Troubled Families Grant used to fund Early Help offer will cease in 2020.
- The requirement for Brent Council to make significant savings over the next four years.

3.4.6 In view of the pressures and needs outlined, a significant review of the Early Help offer is underway to identify a model fit for purpose from 2020 onwards.

3.4.7 The BCT has inputted into shaping this work, specifically into the proposals to develop Family Hubs

0-25 Service for Children with Disabilities (CwD)

3.4.8 The BCT supports the integration of the following existing services into Brent Council's Children and Young People Localities service:

- the 0-13 CwD team
- the Transitions team (previously located within Adult Social Care)
- the Ade Adepitan Short Break Centre

3.4.9 The remit of these teams has been changed to cover the 0-25 age range and there are direct links with the Transforming Care agenda.

3.4.10 The BCT will receive a joint (Brent Council and CCG) update report regarding the Stage 2 health partner integration proposals in June 2019.

SEND

3.4.11 The BCT continues to provide direction and support to implementing the Brent SEND implementation plan.

3.4.12 The SEND implementation plan is structured under 5 priority headings. All priorities resulted from work streams established within the Written Statement of Action (WSOA), resulting from the Ofsted/CQC inspection in May 2017.

3.4.13 In November 2018 the Department of Education (DfE) published a new framework for Local Area SEND inspections following the issuing of a WSOA. Any Local Authority that receives a WSOA will now have a re-

visit from the DfE within 18 months of the WSOA being declared fit for purpose.

3.4.15 The BCT are monitoring the preparation that has begun jointly between the Brent Council, Brent CCG and other partners to develop an evidence base of the impact of improvements made to services since May 2017.

3.5 Priority Areas of Focus for 2019/20

3.5.1 The BCT have identified the following priority areas of focus for April 2019 to March 2020:

- Childhood Obesity
- SEND
- Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing
- 0-25 Service - Children with Disabilities (Stage 2)
- Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home-visiting (MECSH) service
- Transitional safeguarding between CYP and Adult Services
- Early Help and Family Hubs

3.5.2 The BCT have agreed to consider other areas of focus which may arise over the course of the year, including:

- any legislation changes relating to the functions of the BCT
- the introduction of new children's services
- the redevelopment of existing local services
- any appropriate newly identified commissioning arrangements

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 There are no legal implications as a result of this report.

6.0 Equality Implications

6.1 There are no equality implications as a result of this report.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

7.1 Brent Council and Brent CCG are members of the BCT and its sub groups and have contributed to this report.

Report sign off:

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