

CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITY: Improving services for children and young people and ensuring the needs of children are considered in everything we do

FAMILY AND BELONGING

- The workforce development programme has been developed for 2019/20 providing access to a range of resilience based practice tools and approaches. Reflective practice forums and systemic approaches to group supervision are established. 40 Practice Supervisors and Managers will be starting Year 1 Systemic Training in September/October 2019.
- Finalising the Get Real Project whereby young people placed out of borough will move back into borough and reside in local property acquired through Barnet Homes. Launching new recruitment campaign with target of 20 new carers and 10 supported lodgings. Have recruited 31 foster carers in Barnet in 2018/19.
- The Council has carried out a Strategic Housing Market Assessment that shows the need to develop more family sized housing in the borough. Family sized housing (2 bedrooms or more) is now a priority on all Barnet's own development schemes that are delivering new council housing through Opendoor Homes (a subsidiary of Barnet Homes). Delivery of 77 new council homes by the end of the financial year.
- Uitas Youth Zone opened its doors in June with over 1400 local residents attending. 2,650 members have joined already, of which 21% are eligible for free school meals, and just under 10% have additional needs. Sessions are averaging over 250 attendees. Focus now on fundraising, recruiting more sessional staff to cover a few remaining gaps
- Under the council's delivery plan the Council has set a priority for Getting the best out of our parks and improving air quality by looking after and investing in our greenspaces. The projects listed under the Delivery plan will continue to be progressed throughout the year.
- c.21,000 residents have signed up for a Fit & Active Barnet (FAB) Card – c.50% of whom are Jr members (5 – 16 years). We continue to support GLL with delivery of commitments, identifying partnership working opportunities, particularly around volunteering, work experience and apprentice placements, Life Transitions and young carers / children in care pass. Will continue to extend the reach of FAB with CYP targeted engagement.

SAFE AND SECURE

- We continue to develop our prevention agenda to ensure children and their families can access help early in the life of a problem. Funding for two Mental Health Support Teams has been obtained, for go live implementation in January 2020. 8 Education Mental Health Practitioners will be supporting 33 schools in the West Locality as part of the 0-19 Early Help delivery model.
- Strategic MACE (multi-agency child exploitation), VARP (vulnerable adolescents at risk panel), SEAM (Sexual Exploitation and Missing) Strategy Meetings are well embedded. Improvement work is being implemented to incorporate SEAM risk assessments and actions from Strategic MACE and VARP to children and young people's plans in order to provide a comprehensive overview of risk that enables clear oversight and evaluation of progress.
- A focus on Youth Homelessness is made in the council's new Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy. An action plan was developed from recommendations made from MHCLG's Youth

Homelessness Teams and incorporated into the Strategy. A joint protocol between Housing and Family Services was developed in 2017 to ensure support young 16 and 17 year olds who are or might be at risk of homelessness is well coordinated, and this is currently being reviewed. We intend to set up a Homelessness Forum and invite practitioners to help work holistically together to prevent and tackle youth homelessness in Barnet.

- The 0-19 Early Help Strategy 2019 – 2022 and the Vulnerable Adolescents Strategy are interwoven with the Youth Justice Plan 2018-2020. The number of young people subject to statutory Youth Offending orders has fallen to its lowest recorded number, and REACH and Youth Offending Teams are aligned to single management structure to ensure younger siblings of young people involved in the criminal justice system are supported early.
- A forensic psychologist, speech and language therapist and educational psychologist are embedded and co-located in the Youth Offending Team and a Family Therapist is embedded in the REACH team supporting holistic assessments of need and specialist interventions.
- AMBIT (Adaptive Mentalization-Based Integrative Treatment) train the trainer programme has been successfully completed enabling a roll out of training for the children's workforce. MAC-UK are embedded with Art Against Knives as part of the Trusted Relationships funding and are supporting the VCS and wider children's workforce to develop psychologically informed interventions.
- Vulnerable Adolescents Community Partnership Board has been established to drive the Trusted Relationships Programme and wider workstream integration for this cohort of children and young people. The programme aims to ensure young people have access to safe spaces in which they can undertake activities that are developed in co-production with them and be supported by trusted adults using psychologically informed approaches to building relationships.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- The Healthy Child Programme transformation is now underway, with extensive staff training and recruitment to ensure that the service can deliver all mandatory health visitor health checks, and that the school nurses can deliver a holistic menu of services to schools in the borough. Procurement activity for the recommissioning of the programme in 2020 is in progress.
- The Care Closer to Home Integrated network provided paediatric child consultant led clinics totalling 1005 appointments in 9 GP surgeries. Following an evaluation of the PDSA cycle, work will be in planning a longer term service model and opportunities for wider roll out across the borough.
- Established a multiagency immunisation group to ensure effective cross organisation working to increase immunisation rates, and agreed a multiagency immunisation action plan to increase uptake of childhood vaccinations in the borough. Next step is to implement the multiagency action plan, including a campaign for the winter term 2019 focussing on catch up vaccinations for school aged children.
- Currently 115 schools in Barnet are registered on the Healthy Schools London scheme, and 63 bronze, 39 silver and 21 gold awards have been achieved. Schools are provided specialist support to participate in this scheme by a service commissioned by public health. Barnet Public Health team have commissioned a service to support Early Years Settings, including childminders, to participate in the newly launched Healthy Early Years London scheme.

- Barnet Public Health team have launched a new healthy weight pathway from pregnancy/ new-born- adulthood. The National Child Measurement Team have measured eligible children in every LA primary school in Barnet. Barnet Borough Council have commissioned GLL to deliver the Xplore programme, and CLCH to provide healthy weight nurses, to support children and their families in the borough to achieve a healthy weight.
- A comprehensive healthy relationship and sexual health promotion service is being commissioned for 2019/20, bids have been reviewed and the contract is about to be awarded. The healthy schools provider will also provide RSE training for school staff in Barnet. We will monitor the new sexual health and healthy relationship promotion service to ensure effective delivery, including that they are working with all partners.
- The Resilient Schools Programme delivers a whole schools approach to promote good mental health including: mental health first aid, mindfulness training, peer mentor training, network meetings, Kooth, and mental health promotion/ education resources. For 2019/20 the programme will expand to over 50 schools in Barnet. To support this, we have recruited a new health improvement officer from September.

CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITY: Ensuring we have good schools and enough school places so all children have access to a great education

EDUCATION AND LEARNING

- Following recent inspections, there are now only four schools in Barnet which are not Good or Outstanding (these four school are Requiring Improvement). This means the LA is now ranked 7th best (out of 152 LAs) for percentage of Good and Outstanding schools. We continue to implement the School Improvement Strategy including support, monitoring and challenge of Schools Causing Concern.
- Final validated DfE data shows the attainment of disadvantaged pupils at KS2 is in the top 20% of LAs for maths, GPS and reading and in the top 10% for Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined (ranked 9th, out of 152 LAs). At KS4 the gap between disadvantaged pupils in Barnet and Other Pupils (non-disadvantaged pupils) nationally at GCSE is diminishing and in the case of Progress 8 Barnet disadvantaged pupils are now performing better than non-disadvantaged pupils nationally. Barnet's Attainment 8 score for disadvantaged pupils has improved between 2016 and 2018 (rank improved from 10th to 5th) and the gap has closed between disadvantaged pupils and non-disadvantaged pupils nationally for the third successive year.
- May 2019 DfE statistical release demonstrated improved attainment and progress of Looked After Children. The Attainment 8 and Progress 8 scores for looked after children is better than national and London averages and statistical neighbour LAs.
- The Risk of NEET programme, which started in November 2018, aims to minimise the number of young people who become NEET aged 16-19 years. The RONI programme has two elements 1) use of data to identify those at risk of becoming NEET and 2) a mentoring and IAG support package as part of re-engagement support. The programme will continue until August 2020. The Post 16 Team will continue to work with existing schools and the young people identified this year to ensure that they achieve sustained employment or Education. We will be working with our established schools in September to identify additional students who might benefit for the programme.

- Educational attainment at KS2 (RWM) and KS4 (Attainment 8) for children and young people with SEND is in the top 10% of LAs nationally. Progress at KS2 for SEN Support pupils is in the top 10% of LAs for reading and maths, and in the top 20% for Writing. Progress at KS2 for children with an EHCP is in the top 10% of LAs for writing, and in the top 20% for reading and maths. Progress by the end of KS4 is in the top 10% of LAs nationally for children at SEN Support and with an EHCP.
- Performance data has been shared with headteachers, SENCOs and the wider community through the SEND conference which took place in June '19 (including publication of the conference slides on the Local Offer website). We will continue to develop training programmes for SENCOs in response to identified areas of need, liaise with the school improvement team to ensure priorities for next academic year align with SEND attainment and progress priorities. Our ambition is to continue to improve outcomes at EYFS so that attainment is raised and is in the top 20% of LAs nationally (currently 31st).
- In June 2019, two new dedicated 'zones' for young people and SENCOs were launched (the Young People's Zone and the SENCO Zone) on the Local Offer web site. Both of these areas were informed through engagement with the community and there are plans in place to ensure these areas continue to be developed. The current Local Offer website is undergoing a consultation which closes on 19 July. This consultation is part of the Local Area's statutory responsibility and will inform developments over the next year.

CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITY: Ensuring we are a family friendly borough

CULTURE

- Voice of the Child team have been working closely with UNICEF UK to deliver the Child Friendly Communities and Cities initiative. This is a global programme that aims to advance children's rights and well-being at the local level. LBB are one of only five Local Authorities that are part of the initiative and the aim is to get accredited with Child Friendly status in the next two year. Council Management Team champions have been identified for each of the UNICEF badges.
- Nine collaborative SEND working groups have been set up with representatives from education, health, social care, and the parent/carer community to look at priority areas such as autism, the local offer and Education, Health and Care Plans. Plans developed with Governance for Barnet Youth Ambassador and deputy role to launch in 2020.
- 'Change it & Make it' day for looked after children delivered at the Youth Zone to increase numbers engaged with our CiC Council. 18 young people attended and 3 new members signed up. More engagement events for CiC to be delivered this year aiming for every quarter.
- Barnet's Long-Term Transport Strategy is being produced and will be presented to November's Environment Committee. This strategy will outline what Barnet is planning to do to deliver the MTS's Healthy Streets approach where appropriate. In addition, the Council has also recently launched forty electric vehicle chargers on lamp columns to encourage the take up of electric vehicles and improve air quality. The authority is also considering pilot areas for the school streets initiative. Finally Barnet is considering its wider policy about the extension of the Ultra-Low Emission Zone and how it can use this to improve air quality in all parts of the borough.

CO-OPERATION AND LEADERSHIP

- The Children and Social Work Act 2017 replaced Local Safeguarding Children Boards with new arrangements that place a shared and equal duty on the local authority, the police and the

Clinical Commissioning Group to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. In line with the guidance published in Working Together 2018, the statutory partners agreed and published their arrangements in June 2019.

- Children in Care Council is now delivered every 2 weeks - suggested by young people to work on developing their forum and to deliver any specific tasks, such as Celebration event. The Service User Engagement survey has been completed with Children in Care (CiC) and views captured in SUE quarterly report. CiC 'its all about me' website has been launched which includes a blog platform for young people to share their views. We are running a Blog competition to encourage use of new website.
- FGM and Domestic Violence training delivered to seven young people in the Youth Forum followed by a consultation with the group on the Harmful Practices strategy. Further training being delivered so that young people can become Harmful Practices champions.
- A tender for the evaluation of the library service is now live on the council's portal.

COMMUNICATION

- Work has begun on delivering the new Children and Young People Communication Strategy. Campaigns this year will focus on mental health and crime/safety, based on findings from the Children and Young People's survey that these were their top concerns.
- A tender has gone out for the Young People's Perception Survey, which will run in October and November 2019.
- A Children in Care survey relaunch in December 2018 resulted in a 60.9% increase in responses from children and young people when compared to the previous survey. Corporate Parenting Advisory Panel will use a more in-depth analysis of the results, alongside the results of the other work with young people over the last 12 months to agree what will happen as a result of the messages from the survey. Following extensive work with the Children in Care Council the new Children in Care website was launched in May 2019.