

01-Background

BSCP partners audited 8 children who were not in receipt of full-time education in September 2023.

- 12 agencies audited (Children's Social Care, Metropolitan Police, Bromley Housing, Youth Justice, Early Intervention and Family Support, Oxleas CAMHS, Bromley Y, Bromley Healthcare, Schools and Education Welfare, GPs, the SEL Integrated Care Board/General Practitioners, the Probation service and Bromley & Croydon Women's Aid)
- 60 returns
- Grades: 28 Good, 15 Requires Improvement; 2 inadequate. Some auditors felt unable to give a grade.

02- Partnership-wide finding

× **Grading and auditing practice was inconsistent.**

Recommendation: An audit standards workshop be held to seek to deliver consistent auditing practice across agencies for the purpose of multi-agency audits.

Output: Workshop 19/12/2024. Support video published ahead of next multi-agency audit: <https://vimeo.com/user199039183>

03- Police findings

- ✓ Consistently sharing relevant information with key partner agencies, including through Strategy Meetings
- ✓ Attending promptly with missing episodes in timely ways
- ✓ expertise of social workers has been sought and advice acted upon and the Police have been aware of risk factors present for some children who are not in education
- ✓ Procedures are being implemented well

04- Oxleas findings

- ✓ Persistence in seeking to engage with young people and families
- ✓ Joined up safety planning and supporting school reintegration for a young person
- × greater cohesion between CAMHS and GPs, particularly in relation to referrals.
- × In a small number of CAMHS involvements, communication with parents could have been improved.

09- CSC findings

- ✓ Quality of assessment
- ✓ Quality of SW visits
- ✓ Strong link with LBB Education teams
- ✓ Step down to EIFS based on good quality assessment and analysis
- × Pace could have been quicker on one case to support education earlier
- × Escalation to CP could have happened sooner on one case.

06 Bromley Healthcare findings

- ✓ Persistence to update YP's health needs assessment
- ✓ Strong liaison Health Visitors and GPs
- × Plans for Elected Home Education school nursing service sometimes unclear

07- Bromley Y findings

- × Families to be signposted for earlier support
- × Strengthen engagements with all agencies and families to achieve preventative work and early identification
- × Need joined up training with GPs
- ✓ Safety planning and risk assessments regularly reviewed and shared.

08 Early Intervention & Family Support


- × Parental non-engagement was prominent theme
- ✓ Where parent engaged, outcomes improved for children

10- Education findings

- ✓ Timely EHE reviews
- ✓ Good links, schools to LBB Inclusion Service
- ✓ Adapting school timetables
- ✓ Identifying alternate provision, PRU etc
- × Schools to refer to Education Gateway Panel earlier
- × Use Personalised Education team earlier

05- Primary Care findings

- × Length of time children and young people are waiting for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) assessment
- × On a small number of cases, CAMHS communication /information sharing issues and responding to safeguarding information.
- × Clarity for GPs needed:
 - ? Should there be a prompt on ASD assessment forms for GP to also refer to BCP so there is support whilst waiting?
 - ? Should GPs refer all children to Education Welfare if parent says they are home educating?
 - ? Should GPs refer to EIFS for school refusers?
 - ? Should GP registration form include name of child's school?



Multi-Agency Audit Findings: Children Not In F/T Education 2024