

Overview of Services

Special Educational Needs and Disability Services

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Bromley's Special Educational Needs and Disability Services is organised through three teams offering a wide range of support and services who work closely with commissioning and the Disabled Childrens Team to provide integrated services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. These are:

- Special Educational Needs Services
- Specialist Support and Disability Services
- Inclusion Support Services

At the time of going to press the Children and Families Bill is progressing swiftly through Parliament. This has built on the government Green Paper (March 2011) 'Support and aspiration: A new approach to special educational needs and disability.' These changes are seen as the most radical reform to Special Educational Needs and Disability for 30 years.

The Children and Families Bill focuses on all children and young people in this country who are disabled, or identified as having a special educational need. It is about their aspirations and their hopes, their desire to become, like every child and young person, independent and successful in their chosen future and to the greatest extent possible, the author of their own life story.

In Summer 2011 the Department of Health and the Department for Education launched a significant Pathfinder programme to test proposed reforms to the services and systems which underpin support for children and young people with a disability or special educational need (SEN). The London Borough of Bromley went on to achieve National Pathfinder status in Autumn 2011, following a joint Bromley and Bexley bid.

For more information about the Bromley Pathfinder Project, please go to the Bromley Parent Voice website (working together in partnership):

www.bromleyparentvoice.org.uk/pathfinder

In April 2013, Bromley and Bexley achieve National Pathfinder Champion status, supporting the implementation of the proposed new reforms across London.

For a copy of the Executive Summary of the Children and Families Bill:
www.education.gov.uk/childrenandfamiliesbill

The Children and Families Bill will come into effect in September 2014.

Bromley Special Educational Needs and Disability Services welcomes the opportunity to continue working to improve and develop high quality services in partnership with parent, carers and others who support our children with special educational needs and disability. Every child who is disabled or identified as having a special educational need, deserves support so that they, like every other child, can achieve their hopes and aspirations. We can only achieve that by working together in partnership.

I hope that you find the information useful.

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