

Local Offer Annual Report 2018/19

Introduction

The Children and Families Act 2014 requires that the Local Authority must publish an Annual report on Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).

This Annual report details feedback from children and young people and parent carers about:

- What progress we have made with further developing the Local Offer
- What we have learnt from this and other feedback about how accessible and helpful the information on the Local Offer is;
- Our next steps in further developing the Local Offer.

The report also provides data on how frequently the local offer has been viewed to date.

Local authorities must publish a Local Offer, setting out in one place information about provision they expect to be available across education, health and social care for children and young people in their area who have SEN or are disabled, including those who have their needs met at SEN Support and do not have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan.

The Local Offer has two key purposes:

1. To provide clear, comprehensive, accessible and up-to-date information about the available provision and how to access it, and
2. To make provision more responsive to local needs and aspirations by directly involving disabled children and those with SEN and their parents, and disabled young people and those with SEN, and service providers in its development and review

Barnet publishes feedback received on an ongoing basis from Children and Young People (CYP) and parent carers and other professionals on the [You Said, We Did page](#) of Barnet's Local offer website.

Key developments this year

Our active Barnet Development Team Youth (local SEND CYP's group) has helped shape a number of developments over the past year, which include:

- The design and launch of the **Young People's Zone** on the Local Offer website;
- The content of the redesigned Summer 2019 **SEND Newsletter**;
- An **autism transitions passport**;
- A reshaped **recruitment processes** for senior Cambridge Education staff.

We have also worked closely with staff in schools to launch a **SENCO Zone** on the Local Offer website.

We have begun work on increasing our engagement with Children and Young People by appointing a member of staff as a **Young People's Voice Coordinator**, who will be leading the Barnet Development Team Youth group, and who will also be delivering workshops in Barnet schools to gain a broader voice using both verbal and non-verbal approaches with children and young people with special educational needs.

What we learned and how we responded

Over the past year, through feedback from parent carers and the community, we learned that:

- Communities and professionals are not always aware of using, or signposting to the Local Offer. In response, education and health delivered training sessions to health providers and Barnet's Family Services. The impact of this has been a greater understanding and appreciation of what is on the Local Offer.
- There was a need for a Young People's Zone to be populated with useful content. In response, education have drafted content, which will be developed over the next year by the Young People's Voice Coordinator.
- It is not easy for professionals in schools to find the information they need on the Local Offer website. In response, we designed and launched a SENCO Zone.
- There needed to be more opportunities for parent carers to contribute to SEND development work in Barnet. In response, when we created the 9 SEND workstreams, we worked with the Barnet Parent Carer Forum (BPCF) to expand the parent/carer membership of these.

How many people use the Local offer website?

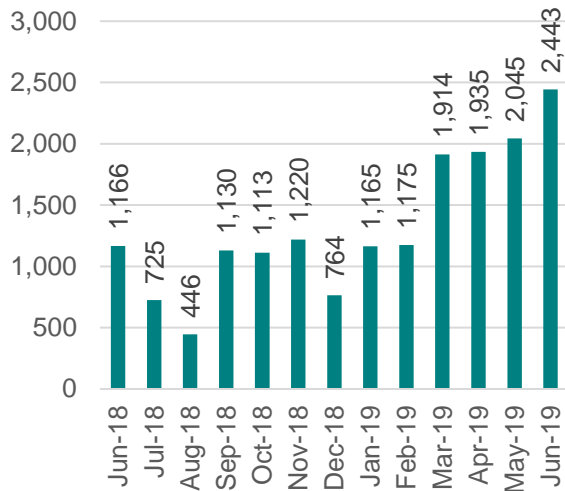
The new Local Offer website went live on 6 June 2018, at which time 1166 individuals had accessed the Local Offer website on a total of 1754 different occasions.

The number of users increased noticeably from March 2019 onwards. In March 2019, engagement sessions with health providers and Family Services took place, and in June, both the Young People's Zone and the SENCO Zone were launched.

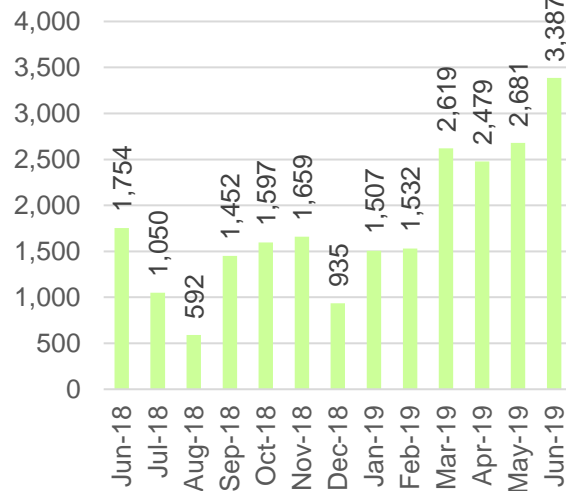
Although there is always more to be done to raise awareness and usage of the Local offer, we are pleased that in June 2019, we had our greatest number of Local offer users (2443) accessing the Local offer the greatest number of times (3387).



Total number of Local offer users per month



Total number of Local offer sessions per month



Our Summer 2019 consultation

In addition to responding to feedback throughout the year, we ran a consultation for parent carers, professionals and children and young people to gain further comprehensive information about the Local offer website and share thoughts about how it could be improved.

We sought feedback from children, young people, parent carers, and other partners about the progress we have made in making the Local Offer relevant and useful, identifying what we are doing well, and what we could improve; as well as some feedback on whether the services we offer meet children and young people’s needs.

The response to this consultation can be found on the Local Offer website, titled **“Response to the Local Offer Consultation, 2019”**.