

BOLTON CASE STUDY OF A CHILD/YOUNG PERSON WITH SEND

Name of child/young person	Kate
School/setting attended	unknown
Service completing case study	Bolton Together – Thrive Alliance
SEN Support/EHCP/PEP/Care Plan	
SEND Inspection criteria evidenced	
Child/young person's aspirations To make friends and feel supported through difficult life challenges.	
Purpose of service involvement To support access to youth activities and support development of friendships.	
Pen Portrait including area(s) of strength and need (key findings from assessments) Kate is a regular member of group work at BLGC with additional needs. She has been dealing with her mum having cancer for the last two years. Throughout this time, staff have seen KF cope with this extremely well, particularly with being on her own sometimes at home or with the information of mum going in and out of hospital for treatments and operations	
Other agencies who have been involved in supporting the child/young person and their family and how agencies have worked together 	
SUMMARY OF WORK UNDERTAKEN AND OUTCOMES ACHIEVED	
Summary of previous involvement/intervention and outcomes (over the last 2 years) (consider improvements in school attendance, reduction in fixed term exclusions/numbers of behavioural incidents, communication skills, independence, confidence, social skills, relationships, community inclusion etc) Accessing emotional health and well being workshops and activities as part of the universal offer at BLGC. Most of the time Kate is happy on entry to the club and is very positive, usually excited for the evening. If she is feeling down, KF is very good sharing with staff she may need a chat during the session. She is always happy to engage in activities and generally brings a smile to everyone's face.	
Summary of current involvement/intervention and outcomes (consider improvements in school attendance, reduction in fixed term exclusions/numbers of behavioural incidents, communication skills, independence, confidence, social skills, relationships, community inclusion etc) She has also introduced her best friend to BLGC who she occasionally brings onto sessions. However, KF has had further bad news of her best friend possibly moving away from Bolton and mum's cancer is now terminal. With so much Kate is having to deal with, we invited her and her best friend to Jump xtreme to have fun on an evening she would have been on her own. We have also offered 'check in' 1.1 sessions at each the start of each session with allocated youth worker, in order to assess her needs effectively and not to avoid duplication and manage Kate's tendency to ruminate with peers and the team. Outcomes - the allocated youth worker has established an open trusting relationship with the Kate whilst Kate.	

remains understandably concerned about her mum. The youth worker and team are able to offer continuous meaningful support and help to regulate Kate's mental health and well-being. We have also updated Kate's mum with direct telephone communication and both Kate and her mum have benefited from the increase levels of communication.

Summary of future/further planned involvement/intervention and anticipated outcomes

(consider improvements in school attendance, reduction in fixed term exclusions/numbers of behavioural incidents, communication skills, independence, confidence, social skills, relationships, community inclusion etc)

Learning from this case that has informed practice

Importance of additional check ins in universal offers. Importance of good communication with young people and their parents. Importance of reviewing how things are going and adapting according to changing needs and strengths.