

It offers a range of services for lone parents facing crises or difficulties in their lives including individual and family work, bereavement counselling, group work, advice and advocacy work. It works throughout the whole Borough and takes referrals from Social Services, health

visitors, GP's and any other organisation or individual concerned about a lone parent. It also takes referrals directly from lone parents.

Bromley Welcare offers help with problems arising from relationship breakdown, pregnancy, difficulties with children, bereavement and violence, advice on benefits, health, financial, legal and housing issues.

It also provides individual sessions for people to discuss their concerns, make informed decisions and take responsibility for their actions. It recognises the value of good parenting and offers help and support in achieving this.

Bromley Welcare aims to promote the understanding of lone parenthood and improve the quality of family life.

Requests are sometimes made for furniture, bedding, children's clothing and food – for details on donations of this kind please contact the office on 0208 466 0399.)

Platform Penge is a partnership between Welcare and The Girls Friendly Society. It runs social and educational groups working with women of all ages with children. Its aim is to provide women with the opportunity to develop awareness of themselves and an understanding of the issues around children and parenting. This aspect of Platform Penge's work is funded by The Girls Friendly Society.

These Charities are worthy causes, which requires all the assistance they can muster and deserves the continuing support and endeavours on its behalf that St Peter and St Paul gives it.

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