

What to Expect From Living in Brighton

We believe that Brighton has a lot to offer young people and can be a really interesting and happy place to live. There are many choices for community and support services, and different opportunities for employment, education, contact with diasporas and cultural provisions.

It is important that young people and the Local Authorities who look after them are aware that Brighton is a large town, with both the good sides and the difficulties that living in any city or large town has to offer.

If a young person wants or needs support to feel safe and make the most of the opportunities in Brighton, PTIUK can provide support and advice to help them with any difficulties that they might face in Brighton around accommodation, anti-social and offending behaviour, pollution and being able to access services.

For any young person thinking about a placement with PTIUK in Brighton, we will always discuss the placement area with them and carry out a full risk assessment based on their individual needs to make sure that this placement will be right for them.

Key Information about the Brighton Area

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Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are many positive move on choices in the private rented market for young people • Private rental costs in the city can be very high for certain locations or quality of homes. • Young people looked after by Brighton and Hove City Council, are often able to move on into council housing in the area • However, young people looked after by other Local Authorities will not have access to the same opportunities 	<p>We support young people to understand the housing options that are available to them, and to have realistic expectations of what kind of housing they can get.</p> <p>We support young people to look for work if they can work so that they can have a higher income to fund accommodation.</p> <p>We support young people to find suitable and safe accommodation.</p>

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The Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brighton is a town by Channel Sea. The sea and beach space in general calm and popular with residents and tourists across the year, especially in the spring, summer and autumn. The sea is generally safe to swim in and sit next to, and there are lifeguards and signs about safety. People who are not strong swimmers should take care • There are also lots of natural spaces that are easy to reach by bus from the town, and there are many parks. • Brighton has many steep hills which could be a challenge for some individuals • The weather in Brighton is generally mild, and it is rarely very cold or wet. 	<p>As part of their induction, we help all new arrivals to learn about the new area and how to stay safe.</p> <p>We also provide maps and will visit key areas with young people to help them find their way around.</p> <p>We can provide advice about how to stay safe on and near the beach or how to cope with the hills if this is needed.</p> <p>PTIUK will provide help to deal with extreme hot or cold weather if this happens e.g. fans, extra heating.</p>
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brighton has a full range of health services including many doctors, dentists and hospitals, as well as good mental health and sexual health services for young people. • It can be difficult to find a dentist that is registering new patients, and there can be waiting times for some medical services. Both of these problems are across the UK and not just in Brighton. 	<p>We will help all young people to register with a doctor and dentist and to visit an optician when they arrive.</p> <p>We will support young people to access any other health service that they need, and to make sure that they can access translators if needed.</p>

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Getting Around	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brighton has a many buses and several train stations to get around the city. There are also good train connections from Brighton to London and other big cities on the South Coast. The cost of local transport is relatively cheap. There are many cycle lanes and areas with speed limits for young people on bicycles 	<p>We will help young people to understand the local transport system and to access finance to buy transport cards.</p> <p>We will remain aware of any transport problems or strikes so that we can inform and support young people when there are problems.</p>
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brighton has a range of schools and colleges that offer ESOL and mainstream academic and vocational qualifications. There are also colleges and universities offering degrees and vocational training in many areas, and many adult education courses that are accessible during the day or in the evening. 	<p>PTIUK will support young people to plan for and access the education or training that they need.</p> <p>PTIUK keyworkers have good links with all the local colleges and the ESOL coordinators.</p>
Work and Money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people who are over 18 may receive Universal Credit support from the government. There are sometimes delays or problems with setting up this support. This is a problem across the country. Brighton has good Advice, Information and Guidance provisions for debt management and loan sharking situations via YAC Brighton has fairly low unemployment and there are many jobs available. These jobs are often in the service and hospitality sectors. 	<p>We have a good understanding of the Universal Credit system, and all keyworkers are trained and support so that they can work with young people to make sure that they get the financial support that they are entitled to.</p> <p>We will work with young people who are finding it hard to manage by providing advice about different support options.</p> <p>We will help people to understand their rights and to explore work options and to access work in areas that they are interested in, including putting them in touch with local youth employment services.</p>

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<p>Your Community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brighton is a generally accessible place to live, although there are few multilingual services and miscommunication can create problems. • There are many different community services for young people of different religions, including mosques, Hindu and Buddhist temples, and synagogues. • Brighton is also a fairly diverse city and has groups and provisions to meet the cultural needs of many different cultures. It is also easy to get to London where a wider range of cultural groups can be found. • Brighton has a many different youth groups including bespoke youth groups such as the PTI supported Global Social Club, the Brighton Youth Centre and Young Peoples Centre to meet the need of young people in the community. Most groups are good access community hubs and part of a larger youth participation strategy within Brighton - www.trustdevcom.org.uk/news/the-brighton-hove-youth-collective/ • Brighton also has lots of different sports, entertainment and shopping options for young people. 	<p>We will support young people to get to know the town and help them to access local groups and services.</p> <p>Our staff have good knowledge of what is available in the local community, and can help young people to find the facilities and groups that they need.</p> <p>We can support young people to plan trips and activities so that they stay safe and enjoy their experiences.</p> <p>We work with The Hummingbird Project to run the Global Social Club for young people aged 14-25 in Brighton on Mondays</p> <div data-bbox="1027 1128 1362 1536" data-label="Image"> </div>

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Immigration Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brighton has a range of legal and immigration services in the city which can help young people. These include Refugee Council, Refugee Radio, Voices In Exile, Migrant help and Hummingbird Project. The services offer a range of one-to-one legal support, drop-ins, group support and talking therapy. 	If a young person needs immigration advice or support, we will help them to make links with local services and support groups.
Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The crime rate in Brighton is average compared to other areas of the UK. The main crimes in Brighton are anti-social behaviour, violent crime and theft There are certain areas of Brighton where crime rates are higher. These areas are not near PTIUK properties. 	<p>We will provide information and support to young people about risks so that they can keep themselves safe, including around risks such as hate crime and gang activity / county lines.</p> <p>PTIUK has a duty system to report concerns or events to staff 24/7, and staff can provide Advice, Information and Guidance as needed</p>

Brighton Risk Assessment

PTIUK looks carefully at all aspects of living in the Brighton Area, and we do regular risk assessments where we score the level of risk overall in this area. This leads to us giving the whole area a score **from 1 (no risk) to 25 (very high risk)**.

<p>We assess that the average risk score for the Brighton area is 3.75</p> <p>This indicates that overall Brighton is a fairly Low Risk Area for placements of young people in our PTIUK homes, especially with support from our keyworkers.</p>		<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" rowspan="2"></th> <th colspan="5">Severity</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Negligible 1</th> <th>Minor 2</th> <th>Moderate 3</th> <th>Significant 4</th> <th>Severe 5</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <th rowspan="5">Likelihood</th> <th>Rare 1</th> <td>Low 1</td> <td>Low 2</td> <td>Low Med 3</td> <td>Med 4</td> <td>Med 5</td> </tr> <tr> <th>Unlikely 2</th> <td>Low 2</td> <td>Med 4</td> <td>Med 6</td> <td>Med 8</td> <td>Med High 10</td> </tr> <tr> <th>Possible 3</th> <td>Low Med 3</td> <td>Med 6</td> <td>Med 9</td> <td>Med High 12</td> <td>Med High 15</td> </tr> <tr> <th>Likely 4</th> <td>Med 4</td> <td>Med 8</td> <td>Med High 12</td> <td>Med High 16</td> <td>High 20</td> </tr> <tr> <th>Certain 5</th> <td>Med 5</td> <td>Med High 10</td> <td>Med High 15</td> <td>High 20</td> <td>Very High 25</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Severity					Negligible 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Significant 4	Severe 5	Likelihood	Rare 1	Low 1	Low 2	Low Med 3	Med 4	Med 5	Unlikely 2	Low 2	Med 4	Med 6	Med 8	Med High 10	Possible 3	Low Med 3	Med 6	Med 9	Med High 12	Med High 15	Likely 4	Med 4	Med 8	Med High 12	Med High 16	High 20	Certain 5	Med 5	Med High 10	Med High 15	High 20	Very High 25
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For more details, or if you would like to know more about how we have assessed the different risks in this area, please ask us for our full Local Area Risk Assessment for our homes in the Brighton area.