



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

**Families, Children and Learning update on the
implementation of the city's Health &
Wellbeing Strategy**

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Strategy Vision

- HWB Strategy vision: Everyone in Brighton & Hove will have the best opportunity to live a healthy, happy and fulfilling life
- Aligns to FCL Vision: Work to address disadvantage, deliver safe and whole family services which are inclusive, accessible and improve outcomes

Impact of Covid

- Covid has provided heightened awareness of health and wellbeing concerns / inequalities
- There has also been an impact of Covid on progressing work – had to change focus to reactive / emergency response
- After an initial move to providing most services online, essential services now moved to children and families having support provided on a face to face basis.
- Covid has also seen a shift to social workers providing more support to families around issues such as food or digital poverty

Strategy outcomes

Starting well

Covid related

- CYP Response Cell – multi-agency engagement
- Close work with schools to support attendance of children of critical workers and vulnerable children
- Most city nurseries open to all children from January 2021, with Council nurseries open for key workers, vulnerable and low-income children
- Children's Centres moved to virtual service working with health visitors to support targeted families inc extension of foodbank
- Holiday food vouchers for all school age FSM children and low income 2- and 3-year-olds for Christmas, February half term and Easter

Strategy outcomes

- Leading on development of a citywide disadvantage strategy, closely linked to the review of Early Help services. Troubled Families programme continuing.
- Delivery of family coaching and parenting interventions to support whole families. Focus on parental conflict – relationship cards and courses – much in demand during Covid.
- Early years provision in the city supports children in making the best start in life -if we get things right in the early years likely to have greater impact on outcomes in later life.
- EHWP support in schools including virtual and face to face, parent and professional consultation line and whole school support
- Relationship based model of practice in social work – strengths based. Good Ofsted rating
- Specialist Adolescent service – includes support around substance use; sexual health

Strategy outcomes

Living well

- Supporting adults with LD into work – we have 7.9% in employment (national average 5.5%)
- Supporting the review and delivery of the City Employment and Skills Plan
- Development of Youth Employment Hub in partnership with DWP & YES Team
- PIC Hub and whole family approach to social work interventions
- Care leavers – 94% of 19 – 21 in touch & 88% in suitable accommodation – above SE averages
- Care Leavers Pledge – support to attend university; accommodation; council tax relief
- Supported living to help adults live outside of care homes. Some accommodation provides low level support, while others provide 24-hour support for people who need more help , including:
- 78.9% of adults with LD are in settled accommodation - above the national average of 77%.