

Drugs in Brighton & Hove:

What is going on and where to get help

The Brighton & Hove Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) helps to stop drug-related problems. This update explains what is going on, what you can do and where to get help.

What is going on

Taking action to stop people who sell drugs and people who use drugs

Last year, 611 people were charged with either selling or having drugs in Brighton & Hove. 637 People were helped to stop taking drugs or alcohol, and support was given to hundreds of families affected by drug problems.

If you call the police to tell them about drug use, they will always find this useful. Even if they do not take action straight away, they will use the information to help them in their work. If you know something but do not want to call the police, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



No one will know that you have called:

- They will not record your call;
- No one will know your number;
- You do not have to give your name.

Improving areas to force drug activities away

We are working in a number of areas to make them better for everyone. Different areas have employed Workers to deal with drug problems:

- Turner has a Community Development Worker. Call Joanna Martindale on 0787 6645066
- Hollingdean has a Community Safety Team. Call Faye Cooper on 295299
- eb4u has a Substance Misuse Development Worker. Call Alistair Morten on 294534
- If you want something to happen in your area...make it happen. Please get in touch with us by telephoning 292949

Making it harder for people to afford drugs

Some people get money to pay for drugs by stealing from shops. So we are trying to stop people from stealing and shoplifting.

We are working with local businesses and the Sussex Police in the 'Business Crime Reduction Partnership'. The Partnership



gives radios to local businesses so they can tell each other and the police about anyone who steals from them. This is already working in several areas – to find out more call Terry Davis on 733393.

There is also an Outreach Worker who helps shoplifters to stop stealing. The Worker tackles the reasons why they decide to steal and helps with any drug or alcohol problems.

Reaching everyone in the community

We try to reach everyone and one example of this is GLAD. This is a service for people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender. It was set up because people from these groups told us that they needed more help.

If you are in a minority group and think we should offer more services for you, please telephone us on 292949.

Saunders Park before....



.....and after

Updates

Drink and drug-driving

It is very dangerous to drive after drinking alcohol or taking drugs. Accidents where people are hurt or killed are much more likely. If you are caught driving after drinking alcohol or taking drugs then the police will arrest you – you can expect to get a large fine or go to prison.

Cannabis

Cannabis is still illegal. Cannabis is now a Class C drug instead of Class B. - but it is still illegal. You can still get in trouble with the police for using it. For more information on cannabis and other drugs, talk to FRANK on 0800 77 66 00.

Turn over for useful telephone numbers and to find out what you can do...