

Section from Allocation of Temporary Accommodation Policy

The policy separates households requiring temporary accommodation into three main groups. There will be circumstances when it is appropriate to allocate outside of these categories and each case will be considered on its own merits.

2.2 The category guidelines are:

Group A, where possible, offered accommodation in Brighton & Hove. The group consists of households who include:

- a child in secondary school within the city in their final year of key stage 4 (generally year 11)
- a child who has a Statement of Special Educational Needs and or an Educational health Care Plan and is at school in the city
- a child who is the subject of Child Protection Order Plan from BHCC
- someone who is officially caring for another person in the city as part of a care plan agreed with the relevant social care department.
- someone in permanent or settled employment who works anti-social hours within the city and would risk losing their employment (unless they can be transferred by their employer)
- someone who is receiving medical treatment that can only be provided by a specific medical facility within the city and that treatment requires a high volume of attendance at that medical facility (a minimum of 2 – 3 times per week).

Group B are prioritised for temporary accommodation in adjacent districts within the broad market rental area, or neighbouring districts in the Sussex sub-region which is approximately one hours travelling distance on public transport from the city. The group consists of households who include:

- An applicant who has their own transport to enable them to travel into the city
- a child in secondary school either in the city or neighbouring boroughs
- someone who is receiving medical treatment that can only be provided by a specific medical facility only available within the city
- someone who is receiving NHS treatment for mental health problems other than from their GP and/or is on the Care Programme Approach.

Group C all other homeless households would be offered temporary accommodation wherever the borough is able to procure it, provided that it is suitable for the household's needs. In all cases the council will seek to find accommodation as close to the city as possible. This group can include a household where there is no local connection with the city.

