

NOTICE OF MOTION**HIV/Aids Services in Brighton and Hove**

“This council:

1. Acknowledges the work of voluntary organisations, the Primary Care Trust and its own officers who provide a comprehensive care pathway for the rising number of people living with HIV/Aids in Brighton and Hove and, equally importantly, provide a range of preventative services.
2. Welcomes the modest rise in this year’s Aids Support Grant, which partially restores the Government’s cuts of recent years.
3. Applauds the efforts of the Terrence Higgins Trust to supply some of those services formerly provided by the Open Door project, which closed earlier this year.
4. Expresses its concern about future funding for HIV/Aids work when the Aids Support Grant scheme comes to an end in two years time.
5. Expresses its regret that allocations are not made promptly at the beginning of each financial year, leaving voluntary groups, in particular, in a difficult financial position.

It therefore resolves:

1. To continue to keep sexual health and HIV/Aids issues high on its agenda.
2. To continue to recognise the work of voluntary groups in the city who work with those with HIV/Aids and provide educational services to prevent the spread of HIV/Aids.
3. To ask the city’s three MPs to support a lobby of Government to ensure the Aids Support Grant is maintained and ring-fenced, that the grant paid to support work in Brighton and Hove meets the city’s need and that it is paid on time.”

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