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Pavilions: New drug & alcohol service for the City launched

- New service launches 1st April 2015
- New 24 hour Freephone helpline 0800 149 819
- Drop in service from 26 Ditchling Road, Brighton, BN1 4SF & 9 The Drive, Hove, BN3 3JE
- Pavilions brings together a range of partners with proven expertise, innovative ideas and a shared desire to re-shape drug and alcohol treatment and recovery services across Brighton & Hove.
- The Pavilions Partnership is led by Cranstoun working alongside Surrey & Borders NHS Partnership Foundation Trust, Equinox, Brighton Oasis Project, YMCA Downslink and Cascade Creative Recovery.

Following award of the tender for adult drug & alcohol services across the city, we've been working hard over the last 6 months in readiness for the 1st April launch.

Pavilions, having worked closely with the Council, local communities and service users across the city, has got a feel for what people want to see from us. Pavilions is designed to respond to these needs and wishes.

Pavilions will be opening its doors on 1st April, providing information, advice and treatment for anyone that needs it. Our 24 hour helpline provides support around the clock, or you can simply drop in, where support is available on a variety of issues. We'll be offering group and individual support and a host of other options will be available depending on need, e.g.

- Crèche facility for all clients
- Education, Training & Employment Support
- Health Checks
- Needle Exchange
- Prescribing Services
- Sexual Health Services
- Holistic Health Support

We'll be getting out into the community with our Street Outreach and Hostel In-reach Teams, alongside offering specialist and dedicated support for Families & Carers affected by drug or alcohol use, Women with specific needs, and, help around sexual health and domestic violence.

Pavilions will be continuing to develop Safe Space, with YMCA Downslink and the British Red Cross, providing help for revellers that have overdone it on a Friday or Saturday night in the West Street area.

We'll also be looking to increase the help & support available for the local LGBTQ community, with our dedicated worker and our new LGBTQ Forum.

Steve Rossell, Chief Executive, Cranstoun says:

"We're incredibly excited at the prospect of opening this new service for Brighton & Hove residents, a city that is not afraid of tackling serious Public Health issues and investing in services. We look forward to working with the variety of local communities, groups and agencies to make a real impact on the effects of substance use and make recovery a reality. We want to build on the great work already undertaken and to innovate wherever we see possibilities to improve."

Dr Tom Scanlon, Director of Public Health says:

"We're really looking forward to working with The Pavilions Partnership. The partnership combines NHS and 3rd Sector care, and includes many established local agencies that have a long track record of working in Brighton & Hove. The Partnership however, will bring a new approach with a much greater focus on complete recovery from substance misuse."

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