



Big Health Service Check 2012 Brighton & Hove Results Report

What is the Big Health Service Check?



The Big Health Service Check happens every year. It is a way to check how good local health services are at helping people with a learning disability. This report will just tell you what the main results were for Brighton & Hove.



If you want to know more you can read a big report. The big report is called 'National Commissioning for Quality – Learning Disabilities Health Self Assessment Framework. NHS South of England East. Plain English Regional Report 2012. Year 4.'



The big report will give you all the details for Brighton & Hove, and also for other areas in the South East. You can find this report on the Improving Health and Lives website – www.improvinghealthandlives.org.uk

The Four Big Standards



The Big Health Service Check has 4 main standards to check. A standard is like a target. There were 4 main standards that were checked this year. The 4 big standards check different areas of health services. Three of the big standards have smaller standards to check.



Every small standard that gets checked is given a score of red, amber or green.

Red means that this area of health services needs to get a lot better.

Amber means some things are going well but others need to get better.

Green means that lots of things are going well.

Involving People



Information has to be given that shows how well people with a learning disability and family carers are involved in talking about and checking and planning health services in their area. Brighton & Hove scored **Amber** for this.



Information about how local people were involved and what they said can be found on the Healthy Lives Page of the Brighton & Hove Learning Disability Partnership Board web site – www.brightpart.org

Standard 1 - Access to Health



This is all about making sure people with a learning disability are able to use the health services they need.

5 scores
5 scores

There are 10 small standards that are checked for Access to Health. In Brighton & Hove 5 small standards were scored green and 5 small standards were scored amber.



The main score for this big standard is **Green**.

Standard 2 - People with High Support Needs



This is all about making sure that people who have a learning disability and other needs like challenging behaviour, autism or dementia get the services they need.

2 scores
2 scores

There are 4 small standards that are checked for People with High Support Needs. In Brighton & Hove 2 small standards were scored green and 2 small standards were scored amber.



The main score for this big standard is **Amber**.

Standard 3 - Quality, Safety and Governance



This is about making sure services are safe for people to use and there are good systems to check this.

5 scores
11 scores

There are 16 small standards that are checked for Quality, Safety & Governance. In Brighton & Hove 5 small standards were scored green and 11 small standards were scored amber.



The main score for this standard is **Amber**.

What Happens Now?



Work carries on to keep making local health services better at helping people with a learning disability. This means still doing some of the good things that already happen in Brighton & Hove.



There are some areas of local health services that need to get better. This includes the things that local people with a learning disability and family carers said were important. It also includes some of the small standards from the 4 big standards that need to get better.



The priorities local people said were important for Brighton & Hove to work on for the next year are:



- Health transitions



- Hospitals – A&E



- More people having their annual health check

- Making End of Life care better



- Better involvement of local people with a learning disability & family carers in checking & planning local health services

We will also be working hard on these priorities from the big standards:



- Getting better information about the numbers of people with a learning disability and what kind of needs they have



- Health services getting better at recording that someone has a learning disability and making it easier for them use their service



- Make sure a bigger number of people get an annual health check this year than last year



- To check that people with a learning disability are having the three kinds of cancer screening



- To do the actions from the Hospital Peer Review. You can find information about this on the healthy lives page of the partnership board web site.



- Keep the Brighton & Hove Learning Disability Joint Strategic Needs Assessment up to date



- Carry on with work on the transition health action plan pilot



- Make sure that the way that all health services are planned and checked includes the needs of people with a learning disability



- Continue work to check that local people who have gone to stay in hospital services outside Brighton & Hove are in the right place for them and getting good and safe care



- Make sure that complaints that involve people with a learning disability lead to services making changes to get better

Checking on the Work



The Big Health Service Check in 2013 will ask how much has got better since the Big Health Service Check in 2012.



This will help us check how the work is going for the local priorities and small standards that need to get better.

The Learning Disability Partnership Board will get updates about how well the work on the priorities is going. We will work with local people to make sure we continue to make local health services better.

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