

BHCC Update: Skills & Post 16 education

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Summary

- BHCC COVID-19 trend & resources
- Post 16 Developments
- Local unemployment picture
- Adult Learning and Skills Partnership
- Apprenticeships/Kickstart/ALSP/CESP
- NEET/Unemployment in the city

Covid-19 key statistics: Brighton & Hove

Updated 18 February 2021

In the seven days up to 12 February (based on data published on 17 February) we had 200 confirmed new Covid-19 cases in Brighton & Hove. This is:

- 43% less than the previous week
- equivalent to a weekly rate of 69 per 100,000 residents
- lower than the rate for England, which was 102 per 100,000 and the South East which was 143 per 100,000

On 16 February there were 63 inpatients with Covid-19 at the Royal Sussex County Hospital including 22 patients in need of critical care.

Resources

<https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/coronavirus>



- **16-19 Curriculum Group – sharing best practice and updates on response**
- Huge commitment and effort by staff, senior managers and site staff to re-open with mixture of face to face and on-line delivery.
- Overall recruitment and learner numbers are generally same or improved with drop in nos. of international students
- Ensuring retention of students and sustaining mental health is an ongoing issue

Key issues for Post 16 sector:

March Re-opening

Scale of testing esp. with larger colleges is an issue. Cost & staffing
Logistical difficulties LFT & 4 days not workable with students on reduced timetable.

Residential sites eg Universities and Plumpton have additional planning issues.
Staff return to work - high levels of anxiety
- union response will have significant impact

Summer Term: Awaiting exam results process and date by Govt.

Significant workload generated by the no of appeals, still handling appeals from last year

July exam results will impact the summer term arrangements

Autumn Term: So far student applications and learner numbers forecast are good across the sector including the universities.



Horizon Scanning: Post 16 Qualification Reform

BHCC has completed 2 consultations

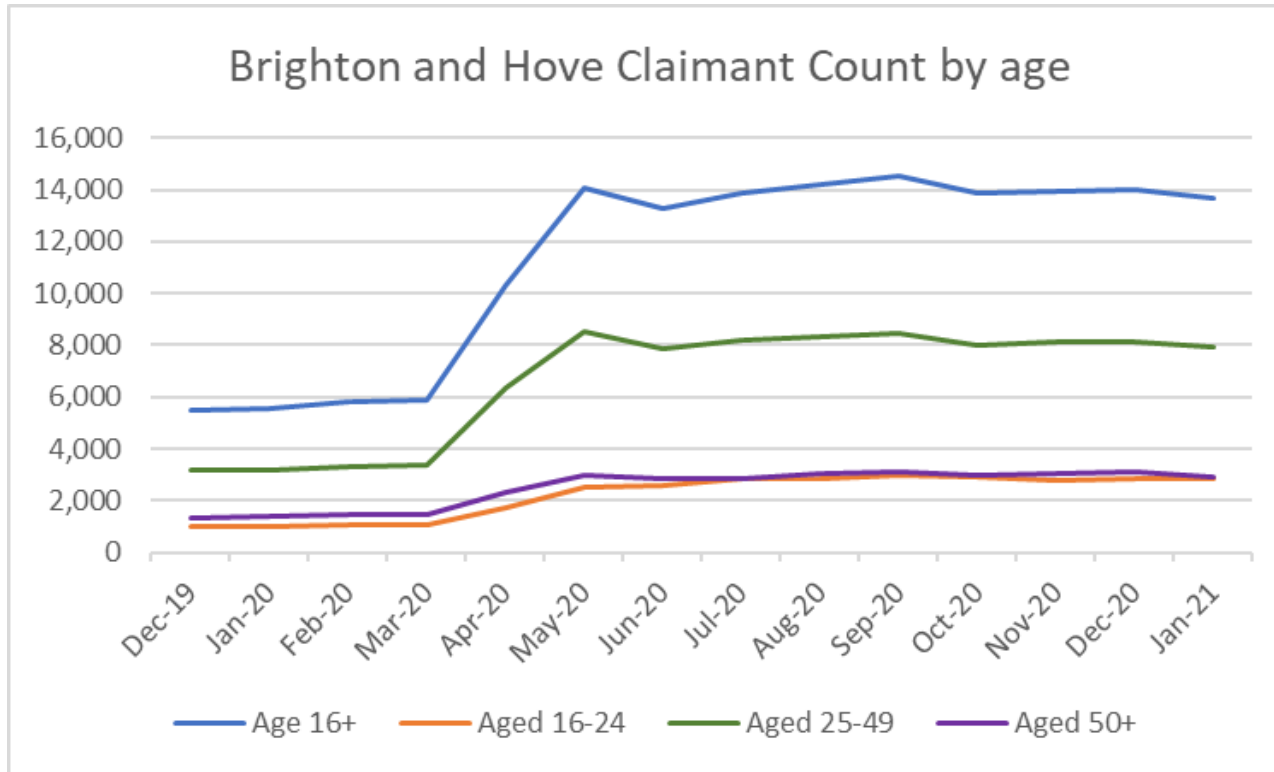
[Post-16 study at level 2 and below: call for evidence - GOV.UK](#)

[Review of post-16 qualifications at level 3: second ... - GOV.UK](#)

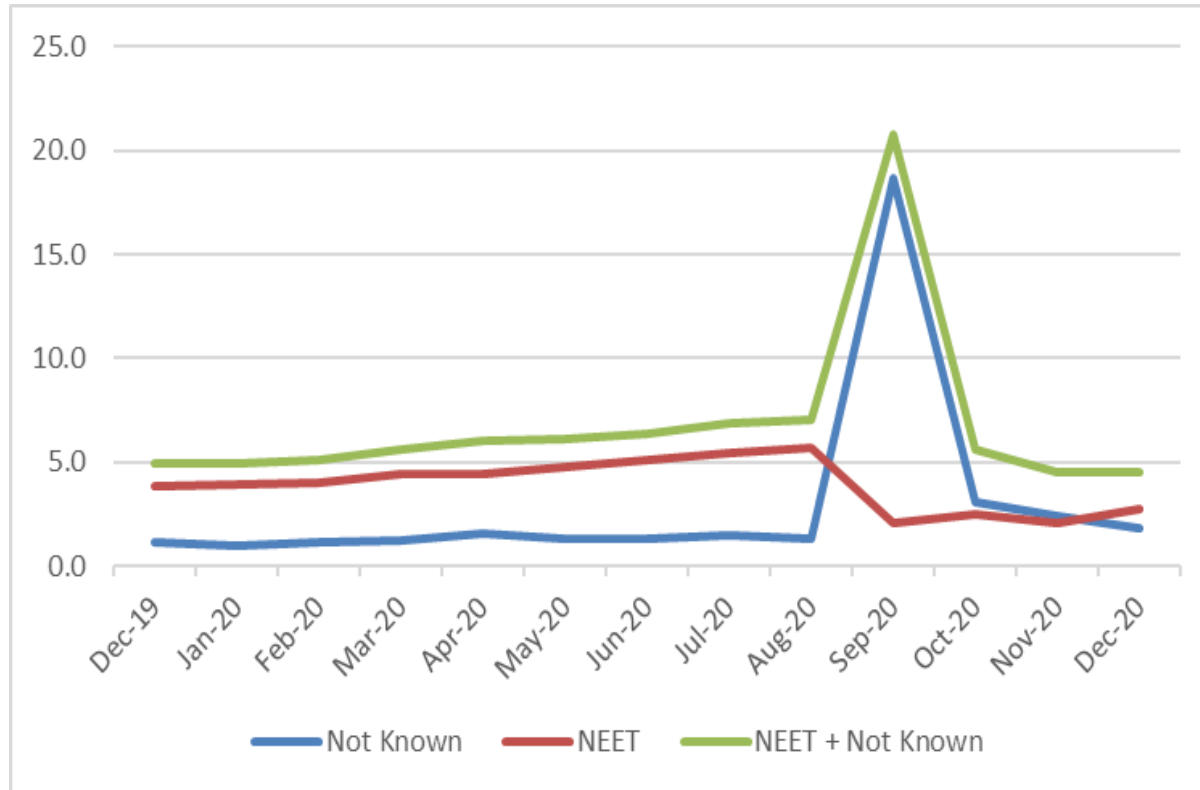
The Local Unemployment Picture

Claimant Count Figures - Local Authority Overview							
ALL AGES							
Area	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21
Brighton & Hove	13,855	14,210	14,510	13,845	13,935	14,000	13,655
AGE 16-24							
Area	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21
Brighton & Hove	2,830	2,850	2,950	2,895	2,800	2,825	2,830
AGE 50+							
Area	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21
Brighton & Hove	2,860	3,025	3,120	2,985	3,040	3,075	2,935

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NEET & Not Known trend data



Feb RPA Data Dashboard

January 2021

- Duty to participate at academic age 16 is at 95.5% (and 96.2% recorded as in some form of EET)
- Duty to participate at academic age 17 is at 90.9 % (and 94.7% recorded as in some form of EET)
- 1.7% of B&H 16&17yr old are recorded as Not Known

Most recent LA comparative data for Brighton & Hove (November 2020)

- RPA Duty at 16yrs 96.4% above National 93.8% and South East 91.5%
- RPA Duty at 17yrs 91.2% above National 87.2% and South East 85.2%
- Not Known at 16yrs 1.5% compared to National 3.9% and South East 6.6%
- Not Known at 17yrs 3.0% compared to National 7.4% and South East 9.6%

Data dashboard available on request

AEB - Family Learning Online Classes

We understand that families may need extra support at the moment to help them cope with the disruption that has been caused by the pandemic. Our tutors are experienced in supporting families who are struggling with their mental or physical health and delivering courses that help to develop confidence and wellbeing. Some of the courses we are offering are:

- Mindful Play
- Family First Aid
- Becoming a Reader
- Building Children's Resilience
- Supporting a Child with Anxiety
- Maths Talk and Help Your Child with Times Tables



BHCC Adult Learning :Subcontracted

Digital Skills an intensive digital and employability skills course designed to help people get into work and gain essential digital skills to compete in today's job market. Priority learners will be those who are out of work and qualified below L2 and or from deprived parts of the city: **Creative Process**

Adult and Community Learning 2020/21

Lot 1: Accredited Learning – English and maths: **FSUK**

Lot 2: Accredited Learning: Health & social care related courses, service industry programme: **FSUK**

Lot 3: Non accredited learning: Flexible programmes encompass wellbeing, career pathways and confidence building: **ASPIRE**

Apprenticeships / Kick Start

- 164 apprentices on programme
- Still starts - 36 future starts in the pipeline across the council
- **Transfers - £200,000 worth of transfer of levy, employers need to apply by 10 March 2021.**
- Incentives helping with added value to programme
- Traineeships
- Engagement with JCP – Kickstart/Hubs

Strategic Work: CESP 2021

- Work underway to create a 2 year recovery plan – lots of initiatives from government coming through – need a local response
- Engagement through ALSP, C2C, SCTP, Recovery working groups such as Events & Economy, Welfare, Young People and more...

Adult Learning Skills Partnership

Aims to support the priorities of the City Employment and Skills Plan (CESP)
A number of Networks in the city feed into the partnership. Membership..