



Brighton & Hove
City Council

Home Office UASC Hotels

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Local Context

- BHCC Commitment as a City of Sanctuary
- UASC dedicated Team
- The Home Office national expectations (0.7% - 37 to 0.1% 50 August 2022). National Transfer Scheme.
- Recent increase in spontaneous arrivals
- Impact of Home Office provision for AS Adults in hotels
- Finances – Placement and staffing costs outweigh grant funding. Home Office Funding Pilot Announced (16/12) may ease this pressure going forward.

National Context

- July 2021 – Home Office Emergency Response to small boat crossings. Extension to the Kent Intake Centre.
- Hotel opens in Hove
- Home Office notification to the LA and planning
- Urgent BHCC response alongside partner agencies
- Development period of systems and processes that the Home Office now share as their practice model.

BHCC Critical Challenge Role

- Safeguarding Challenge and Reassurance
- Front Door For Families role
- MARS/ Missing Children processes
- Reassurance Visits
- Multi-agency Approach, health, police, community safety and voluntary agencies involvement
- Funding from the Home Office to discharge critical challenge and safeguarding function

Current Situation

- Approximately 1500 children have moved through the Home Office Hotels in Hove (16 months)
- 600 in the last 6 months
- Increased capacity via NTS to ensure stay in the hotel estate is minimised.
- Current numbers - 58 (19/12/22)
- Home Office aim to close Hotels from the end of Feb 2023
- Risk is that demand increases and there is a further need to use hotels to house children
- Pilot Home Office Funding announced to support LAs

