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- [Latest Government Update](#)
- [West Sussex County Council update](#)
- [Adur and Worthing Council update](#)
- [Brighton and Hove City Council Update](#)

### **New government guidance**

- [COVID-19: hotel accommodation to support key workers and vulnerable people](#) – Letter from Luke Hall emphasising that where hotels, hostels, and B&Bs are providing rooms to support homeless people, through arrangements with local authorities and other public bodies, they should remain open.
- [COVID-19: call for rapid sanitising technology for ambulances](#) – call for innovative or novel approaches to get ambulances cleaner quicker to help combat Coronavirus
- [COVID-19: guidance for food businesses](#)

### **Updated government guidance**

- [MHRA guidance on coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) - Added a link to new guidance on exemptions from devices regulations, and link to news story on Chloroquine and Hydroxychloroquine not being licensed for coronavirus (COVID-19) treatment
- [COVID-19: guidance for educational settings](#) – Added a guidance poster
- [Business rates: expanded retail discount](#) – additional properties now eligible

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): travel advice for educational settings](#) - Updated information for overseas trips currently taking place
- [Coronavirus guidance](#) – guidance for food businesses has been added
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) – guidance on vulnerable children and young people](#) - Updated guidance to include additional information on children with education health and care plans and children in alternative provision settings
- [Producing hand sanitiser and gel for coronavirus](#) – update highlighting producers must ensure that hand sanitiser products are safe to use and regulatory requirements have been met before supplying to the public.

### **Adur and Worthing Council**

- New [Community support webpage](#) allows vulnerable people to request support via an online form.

### **Updates from you**

- Carers Support are gathering information about various support services. The latest list is available [here](#). If you need to correct/update information or wish to add new information – particularly if I do not have your organisation/department included so far, please let Kathy know via email at [Kathy.burke@carerssupport.org.uk](mailto:Kathy.burke@carerssupport.org.uk)
- Relate currently offers live chat, telephone and webcam counselling services. For more information call 01293 657055 or [visit their website](#).
- Survivors Network have published their latest update [here](#) which says their helpline will run from 12-2pm (rather than in the evening) from Wednesday 1 April.

### **Mutual Aid Groups**

- [Brighton & Hove NHS Foodbank](#)
- [List of COVID-19 Community Facebook groups produced by Trust for Developing Communities](#)

- [List of COVID – 19 Response Groups Brighton & Hove produced by Trust for Developing Communities](#)

## **Training**

- [Free online course](#) for those working in the public sector, particularly key workers via Skills Platform.

## **Volunteering**

- NCVO have published a new blog titled '[Are volunteers on lockdown?](#)' An easy to read version of government guidance.

## **Food**

- Brighton Community Centre & Families Project is running an emergency food parcel delivery service Tues-Friday (deliveries on Tues, Thurs, & Fri) for households on low income. They are also offering welfare rights advice over the phone. Please see their [Facebook page](#) and [bucfp.org]website for more information. They are currently supporting households as far as Southwick and Peacehaven! Therefore they are requesting that if clients have access to the internet to complete [online form](#) which is on the homepage. Alternatively if they are digitally excluded please call 01273 671 213, leave a message and someone will get back to you.
- Brighton and Hove City Council have published new [Guidance for Safe Food Handling for voluntary groups during COVID-19](#).
- Latest [The Hangleton & Knoll Project Services Update](#). They're thinking of you all and working hard to find the best ways to help and support our residents and community.

## **Faith**

- Brighton & Hove Faith in Action will be hosting and facilitating a [one hour meeting every Thursday at 10am](#) during the crisis. This will be held via Zoom and they welcome participation of leaders across the communities of faith in the city.

## Guidance/Policies

- [Data protection and coronavirus: what you need to know](#) by ICO

## Homeworking

- [Employment & Volunteering \(1\) Homeworking](#)
- [Employment & Volunteering \(2\) Homeworking](#)
- [Homeworking Policy: Employees from Daniel Barnett's HR Policies March 2020](#)
- [Homeworking Policy: Volunteers adapted by Sandy Adirondack from Daniel Barnett's HR Policies 2020](#)

## Digital

- Digital Brighton & Hove have published their [latest network response](#), including details of the next virtual network meeting on Monday 30 March at 1pm.
- The Resource Centre have published helpful details of [video and telephone meeting tools](#) that you can use.
- Charity Digital now have a central hub of all their relevant [Coronavirus content in one place](#). Use it to find advice, guidance and info to help charities continue their operations.

## Health

- Adur and Worthing Council have gathered some resources on how looking after yourself during the pandemic. For more information see their [website](#). Council's wellbeing team has also made a series of instructor led online exercise videos for you to follow in your home. All exercises are adaptable and the instructor demonstrates easier and harder versions. To watch the videos click [here](#).

- Sussex CCGs have started publishing a weekly Public Involvement News Briefing on COVID-19. Read the briefing from [27 March 2020](#).

## Energy

- Transition Town Worthing offers free impartial advice on reducing your consumption while staying warm. During these difficult times, we have suspended face to face advice sessions, but will still be offering support via email and telephone. Contact Sam at [sam.cel@outlook.com](mailto:sam.cel@outlook.com) or phone 07792198665.

## Finance

- Chariot House have published a [COVID-19 financial support for the Self-Employed summary](#).

## Funding

- Standard Life Foundation is [launching funding](#) for work directly related to the coronavirus pandemic. Grants will be made to organisations which tackle financial problems and improve living standards for those on low-to-middle incomes in the UK.

## Data protection

- ICO have launched a new [information hub](#) to help individuals and organisations navigate data protection during COVID-19.

## Requests for help

- East Brighton Food Coop is looking to set up a food project at the Bristol Estate Community Room and are urgently looking for a freezer. Contact Bryan Coyle at the East Brighton Food Coop - [coyle.bryan@yahoo.com](mailto:coyle.bryan@yahoo.com)

Thank You