

Title:	WHO Age Friendly Cities and Communities Network
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Purpose/Key Messages:	<p>The Age Friendly Cities and Communities initiative is an international programme of the World Health Organisation (WHO).</p> <p>The Older People's Council spearheaded the campaign for Brighton & Hove to join the AFC programme, supported by AgeUK Brighton & Hove, Pensioner Action, Community Service Volunteers (CSV), the FED, Carer's Support, the Alzheimer's Society and public health.</p> <p>The initiative will help Brighton & Hove improve the city's offer to its older residents, something to which the council and partners are committed. The AFC programme is a key objective in the council's corporate plan and also aligns to the One Planet City initiative.</p> <p>There is a UK Network of Age Friendly Cities, Brighton and Hove is a member city.</p>

<p>Significance to BHSP and Delivering SCS outcomes:</p>	<p>The initiative takes the form of a five year programme, which includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishment of mechanisms to involve older people throughout the cycle 2. Development of a baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of the city, using the eight domains identified in the WHO Age-friendly Cities Guide available at (Global Age-friendly Cities: A Guide) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • outdoor spaces and buildings, • transportation, • housing, • social participation, • respect and social inclusion, • civic participation and employment, • communication and information, and • community support and health services. 3. Development of a 3-year city-wide action plan based on the findings of this assessment. 4. Identification of indicators to monitor progress against this plan.
<p>What is BHSP being asked to do?</p>	<p>Brighton & Hove City Council has brought together a range of key local agencies and older people's groups to act as a steering group for the initiative. This group is steering the baseline assessment.</p> <p>Work on the assessment has commenced, using the eight WHO domains. We are keen to discuss our findings with the various LSP partnership groups.</p>
<p>Next steps and report back mechanism:</p>	<p>Once the city assessment is complete, the next stage will be to develop a plan to address issues identified.</p> <p>The Age Friendly City Steering Group meets regularly. Updates on progress can be sent to the LSP, if so desired. For additional information, please contact Annie Alexander.</p>