switchboard

Who we are

Brighton & Hove LGBT Switchboard is a specialist LGBTQ+ charity providing community-led support when people need it most – from later life and loneliness to domestic abuse, sexual harm and gambling harm recovery.

16
staff – grown from 6

5
specialist services

Registered charity no. 1088133



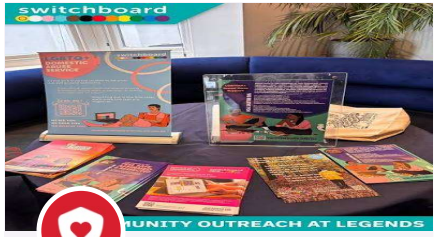
BOLD – including Rainbow Neighbours

Bereavement, Older people, Loneliness and Dementia support for LGBTQ+ people in later life. Rainbow Neighbours builds connection and community to tackle social isolation.



Recover with Pride

The UK's only dedicated LGBTQ+ gambling harm support service – national reach.



Domestic Abuse (IDVA)

Independent Domestic Violence Advisers offering specialist, trauma-informed casework.

Sexual Harm Support

Specialist support for LGBTQ+ survivors of sexual harm and violence. OPCC-funded pilot.

Social Prescribing

Connecting LGBTQ+ people to community, activity and wellbeing support that fits.

Need is rising across every service

What we are seeing on the ground

BOLD (incl. Rainbow Neighbours)

Rising demand

An ageing LGBTQ+ population means bereavement, dementia and social isolation support is inevitably increasing.

Domestic Abuse (IDVA)

Higher complexity

Far more complex, higher-need case management – particularly within trans, non-binary and intersex (TNBI) communities.

Sexual Harm Support

Evidence-led pilot

A new OPCC pilot built on research showing a major gap in reporting sexual harm. We anticipate it continuing.

Social Prescribing

At capacity

Need is significantly increasing and our caseload is full, while funding has reduced. We are hopeful of additional funding.

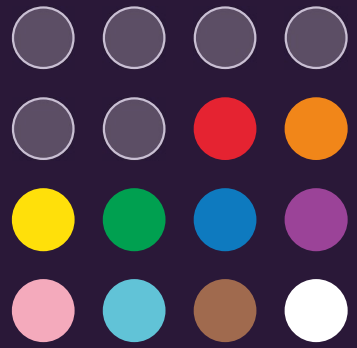
Recover with Pride

National first

The only national LGBTQ+ service dedicated to gambling harm recovery, in partnership with Reframe and the University of Brighton.

6 → 16

staff – our team has grown to keep pace with demand



6 original
+10 new

Need is increasing – and support is needed.

Need is increasing. Support is needed.

How we are funded – and why partnership matters

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large multi-year grants underpin our services – most sit outside health funding. Some small grants now carry a disproportionate assurance and reporting burden for a charity our size.

<20%

of our total funding currently comes from health – less than £1 in every £5

1 of 10

LGBT charity partners in the Brighton & Sussex LGBT Alliance – stronger together

Why this needs to be understood

Our services support people's health and wellbeing every day – yet health funding makes up less than a fifth of our income. As demand grows, that gap grows with it.

Shoulder to shoulder

We have a strong ambition to work collaboratively with our charity partners across Brighton & Hove. We can only meet rising need by standing shoulder to shoulder.