

# MERTON Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2015 - 2018





A fair share of opportunities for

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

for all Merton residents

This means we will halt the rise in the gap in Life Expectancy between areas within Merton

## **THEMES**

#### Best Start in Life

Early years development and strong educational achievement

## Good Health

Focus on prevention, early detection of long-term conditions and access to good quality health and social care

Life skills, lifelong learning & good work

Community participation and feeling safe

## OUTCOMES

- Uptake of childhood immunisation is increased
- Waiting time for children and adolescents to mental health services is shortened
- Childhood obesity is reduced
- Educational achievement gap in children eligible for pupil premium is reduced
- The proportion of children ready for school is increased
- All partner organisations promote health in their policies and services
- Settings e.g. workplaces, schools, high streets where people spend time are healthier, providing healthy options.
- The proportion of adults making healthy lifestyle choices is increased
- A model of care for East Merton embeds prevention and delivers early detection of disease through integrated health and social care
- Integrated mental health pathway
- The number of Jobseekers Allowance and Employment & Support Allowance claimants in Mitcham is reduced
- Increase employment by targeting initiatives to improve soft skills and to deliver skills in growth sectors
- Assist business start-ups and growth of existing businesses
- Bridge the lifelong learning gap in deprived wards
- The number of people engaged in their communities is increased through volunteering
- Sustainable voluntary and community organisations partner with the public sector to strengthen community capacity and cohesion
- People remain independent or regain independence as far as possible
- People feel safer through tackling perception of crime
- Causes of crime addressed through a place based approach in three hotspot areas identified through the Vulnerable Localities Index

A good natural and built environment

- Positive health and wellbeing outcomes are embedded within major developments as a condition of granting planning permission
- Fuel poverty is reduced through collective energy switching
- Pollution is reduced through increased number of trees in parks
- The quality of houses of multiple occupation (HMOs) will be improved

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