

Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023 – 2028

2026 Refresh

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About this document

Title: Lambeth Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023 – 2028: 2026 Refresh

Purpose: To set out Lambeth's priorities to improve health and wellbeing in the borough

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Date: 25 March 2026



2026 Strategy Refresh

At the mid-way point of delivering the strategy, we reviewed the progress made so far and took stock of how our context has changed. Based on this, we have updated the strategy to ensure that its focus and delivery mechanisms are best suited to realising its core ambitions.

Progress on our ambitions

Teams from across the partnership have delivered a range of programmes and interventions that support each of this strategy's priorities and outcomes. An outline of some of this work can be found in the final section of this document. It includes:

- Campaigns that have increased access to free childcare support, free period products in schools, free school meals and Healthy Start vouchers.
- Increased mental health support in schools and reduced waiting times for children's mental health support.

- Adult social care prevention efforts that have helped reduce waiting times and support needs.
- Expanded mental health support in the community, including targeted support for Black people.
- Support for 5,000 residents to enter into employment, education and training, 20% of whom reported a disability or health condition.
- A programme of award-winning homelessness interventions, leading to sustained reductions in the number of people in temporary accommodation.

Looking ahead

People in Lambeth continue to experience a range of inequalities and overlapping challenges that impact on their health and wellbeing. Although life expectancy has risen over the past 20 years, people in Lambeth are spending a greater proportion of their lives in poor health – particularly those living in more deprived areas. There is much work to be done to further the priorities in this strategy.

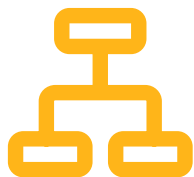
It is important to acknowledge that many of the statutory and voluntary sectors locally are facing significant financial and resource challenges. Paired with the fact that we are entering the final years of the strategy, this means there is an even greater need to focus attention and prioritise efforts on the areas where maximum impact can be made.

Alongside this, there have been significant shifts in the wider policy context for the strategy since its launch. These include the government's 10-Year Health Plan and Local Outcomes Framework, as well as key new strategies within Lambeth such as the Growth Plan, Act Early South London and the refreshed Lambeth Together Health and Care Plan. The refreshed strategy reflects these changes and the opportunities that they present.

To shape the refreshed Health and Wellbeing Strategy, we have analysed data on population health and performance against the strategy to date, spoken to partners and stakeholders about lessons learnt so far and opportunities going forward, and reviewed insights from recent public engagement carried out across the partnership.

What has changed

We remain focused on delivering the priorities set in 2023. To support these priorities, we have updated the strategy to focus on the partnership's key opportunities for impact over the remaining two to three years of delivery ensuring the best start in life, supporting people to lead healthy lives and supporting communities to flourish and build their resilience.



Each priority in the strategy is linked to a set of key outcomes. In the refreshed strategy, the **outcomes** set out in the 2023 strategy have in some cases been combined with or integrated into other outcomes, to reflect the cross-cutting nature of the work needed to achieve them. This includes outcomes focused on poverty and child poverty.



The **activities** highlighted in the implementation plan, which will be major contributors to achieving each outcome over the coming years, have been updated to reflect the key areas of current and planned work across the partnership.



We have also updated the **metrics** used to help us understand the extent to which each outcome is being achieved. This is to ensure that we are using the most relevant, up-to-date information available that, where possible, enables us to benchmark how we are doing compared to other areas and national averages.

Our process to develop the strategy in 2023

To develop the strategy that was launched in 2023 we:

- Synthesised all existing consultation and engagement material to understand what local people think is important about health and wellbeing.
- Engaged with key stakeholders, organisations and individuals from across the whole borough to understand what is underway in the borough and what is important to focus on in this strategy.
- Reviewed the national picture of 'what works' and makes a difference to health and wellbeing, notably the work of Sir Michael Marmot and the Institute of Health Equity, to understand where we should focus in Lambeth.
- Reviewed the output of [Lambeth's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment](#) and the related Health Profiles, which set out in detail the health outcomes of local people.
- Undertook comprehensive consultation with the general public, including a survey and

informal conversations at events such as the Lambeth Country Show.

- Held multiple workshops for local Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise organisations, and delivered a range of targeted conversations with communities where we recognised there were gaps in our understanding.
- Tested our assumptions and built understanding and ownership with a range of stakeholders across the borough who were to be involved in the delivery of this strategy, including through the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Staying Healthy Board, Lambeth Together Care Partnership Board and Executive Group, the Lambeth Together Provider Alliances, and Lambeth Council's Equality Impact Assessment Panel.

Wider strategic context

The Health and Wellbeing Strategy is a statutory requirement but sits within the context of several other related strategies and plans. We will continue to work to ensure

alignment and maximise opportunities for collaboration as we deliver against our ambitions.

Alongside the Health and Wellbeing Strategy sits the Lambeth Together Health and Care Plan, which sets out the health and care system's delivery ambitions and outcomes.

A wide range of strategies and plans led by teams and organisations across the partnership will contribute to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities. These include the Lambeth Local Plan, the Housing Strategy, Act Early South London and the Inclusive Talent Strategy.

The Borough Plan for Lambeth, which sets out the vision for the borough by 2030, has health and tackling health inequalities at its heart, and is closely aligned to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

An overview of key strategies and policies that connect to the refreshed Health and Wellbeing Strategy can be found in the table on page 25.

What the data told us

The data is unequivocal – health inequalities are significant and pervasive in Lambeth.

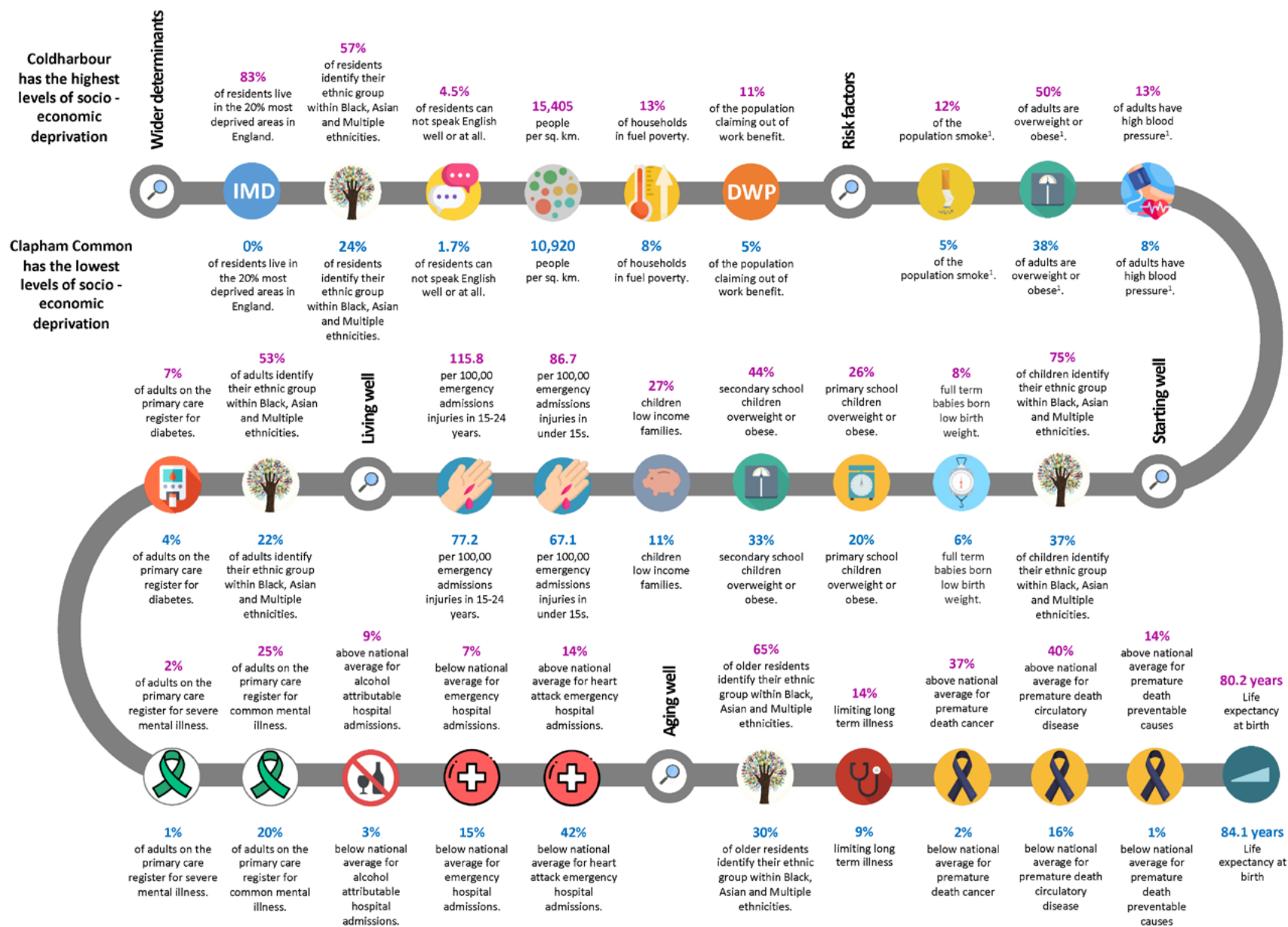
Our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment demonstrates the level and breadth of inequalities in the borough, and has been used as the basis upon which we have designed this strategy.

The poorest communities have the worst health outcomes across a wide range of measures and the gaps between the most and least deprived in Lambeth are widening. The risks of poorer health outcomes are compounded for those with other structurally disadvantaged characteristics, such as race.

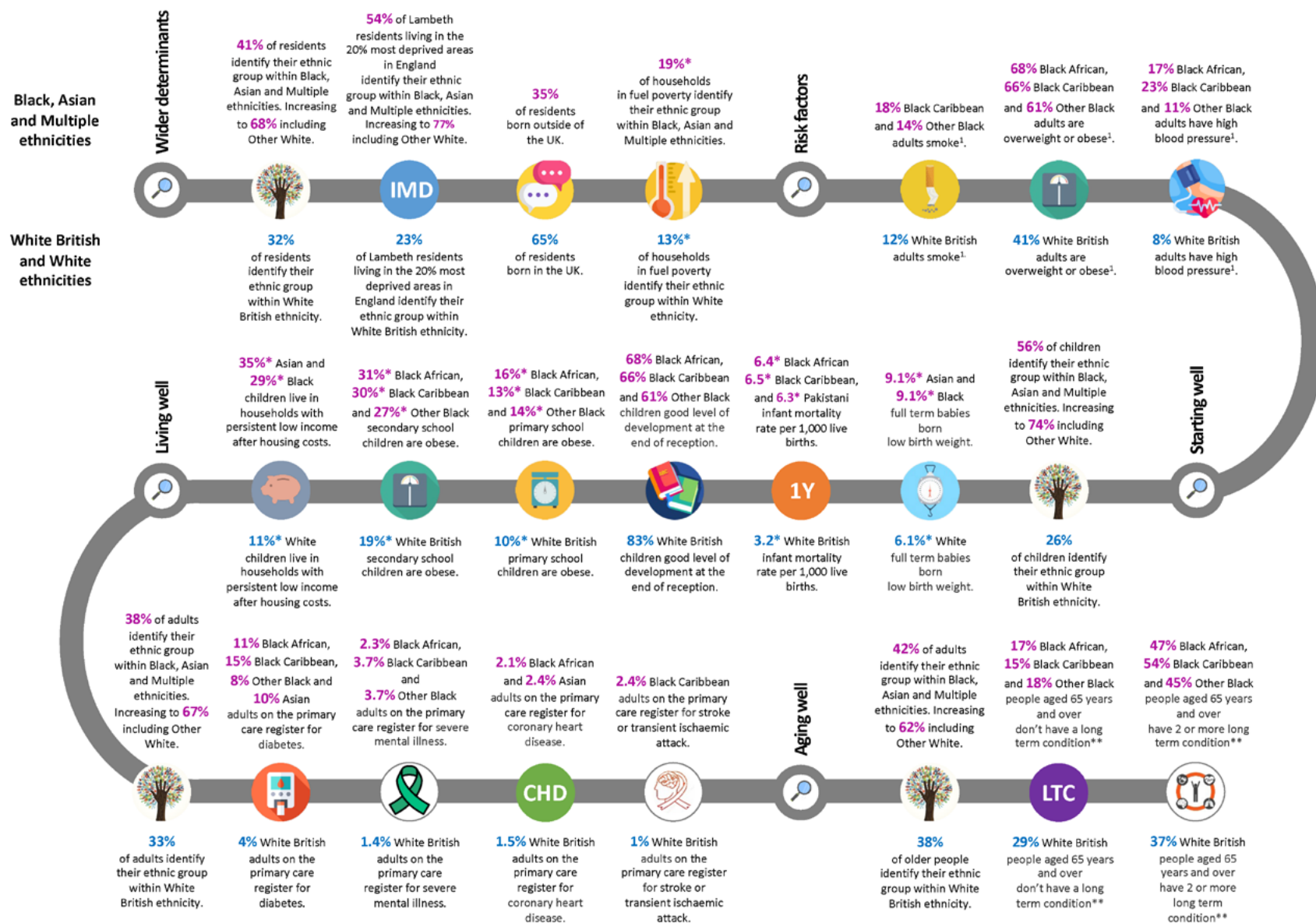
The following extract from our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and associated Health Profiles in 2023 demonstrates these differences.



Within Lambeth we see significant geographic inequalities across a range of health and wellbeing measures (2023).



Within Lambeth we see significant population inequalities across a range of health and wellbeing measures.



*National or regional evidence.

**from defined list of long term conditions recorded on the primary care system.

Please note population characteristics are taken from Lambeth resident registered patients and won't match Census 2021 figures.

Marmot Principles – driving our approach

Our approach to this strategy has at its heart the ‘Marmot Principles’ which focus on those things which can make a real difference to health inequalities, as identified by Sir Michael Marmot in his work with the Institute of Health Equity.

His [Fair Society, Healthy Lives](#) review of health inequalities identified that reducing health inequalities is a matter of fairness and social justice, and that health inequalities result from social inequalities.

The report concluded that action on health inequalities requires action across all the social determinants of health.

The Marmot principles, as [updated in 2020](#), have been the basis of our work to develop this strategy and support our determination to tackle health inequalities.

The Marmot Principles:

- 1 Give every child the best start in life
- 2 Enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives
- 3 Create fair employment and good work for all
- 4 Ensure a healthy standard of living for all
- 5 Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities
- 6 Strengthen the role and impact of ill health prevention
- 7 Tackle racism, discrimination, and their outcomes
- 8 Pursue environmental sustainability and health equity together.



What the public told us

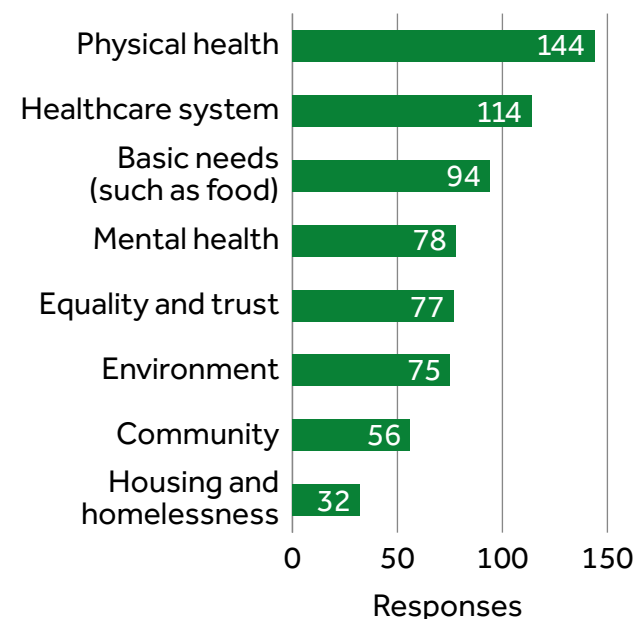
Between June and September 2022, we heard from residents at workshops and through a consultation process. The insights people shared were used to shape the priorities and areas of focus in the strategy.

Early engagement with Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise organisations involved over 80 different local organisations and helped us to refine what is important in Lambeth and shape the draft outcomes. This helped us secure deeper understanding of the experience of people and organisations in the borough in respect of their health and wellbeing.

At least 650 people took part in the survey and formal workshops, with many more contributing to the informal engagement at events like the Lambeth Country Show. Where there were gaps in our knowledge, we spoke directly to those communities, for example through a specific focus group for the Latin American Spanish and Portuguese speaking communities or with organisations or representatives, including faith leaders and LGBTQ+ groups, to ensure their perspectives were captured.

We tested the draft priorities and outcomes with the public. Over 85% of the survey respondents supported the priorities we developed through this early engagement and gave a clear endorsement to the outcomes which are now integral to this strategy.

What is important in 'good health' in 2028?



Source: Health and Wellbeing Strategy Consultation, September 2022

Our ambition

Lambeth is a place where all people can experience good health and wellbeing.

Healthy Life Expectancy is improved for those groups within the population whose outcomes are the poorest.



Our priorities

For each priority, we have developed a set of key outcomes that we want to achieve in order to improve health and reduce health inequalities in the borough.

We will focus our efforts on work that will have a meaningful impact on inequalities, with an emphasis on groups and parts of the community that are experiencing the greatest barriers to living healthy lives and the worst health outcomes.

Priority: Ensuring the best start in life

Outcomes:

- More children have a good level of development by age five.
- The emotional wellbeing of parents, carers, children and young people is supported.

Priority: Supporting people to lead healthy lives and have good physical and mental wellbeing

Outcomes:

- Long term conditions and associated health complications are prevented.
- People are supported to live well independently for as long as possible.
- People at risk of and with depression, anxiety and other mental health issues access the right early help and resources.

Priority: Supporting communities to flourish and build their resilience

Outcomes:

- People live and work in inclusive places that maintain and improve their health.
- People are well connected in their communities, feel safe and in control of their lives.

Our principles

Working with our partner organisations and drawing on what our engagement and consultation told us, we have developed a set of principles to guide our work in delivering this strategy. We will be paying attention not only to the outcomes in the strategy but also to what we do to genuinely live these principles.



The way we work will be:

- Supported by a positive and action orientated approach to equity for all protected characteristics including taking an anti-racist approach, seeking to build trust and confidence with our communities.
- Asset-based – trusting and building on the strengths in Lambeth’s communities. This includes working with communities to develop our neighbourhood health model.
- Driven by a dynamic approach to collaboration across organisations, including codesigning an integrated neighbourhood teams approach as part of Lambeth’s role as a pilot site for the National Neighbourhood Health Implementation Programme.
- A Health in all Policies approach, with health systematically considered across all policy areas to maximise opportunities to improve health and tackle inequalities.
- Underpinned by open and participative research that involves local people and informs our decision making. This includes the continued development and delivery of the Lambeth Health Determinants Research Collaboration research capability.

How will we know how we are doing?

We will use a range of metrics to monitor and support understanding of the impact we are making. These are included in the implementation plan below.

Accountability for delivery will be driven through Lambeth’s Health and Wellbeing Board, who will consider how well we are delivering against our outcomes and seek out opportunities to go further and collaborate more effectively.

Implementation plan

This implementation plan sets out our key areas of work against our priorities and outcomes, as well as the primary metrics we will use to understand the progress we are making.

Our overarching focus will be those groups within our community who have poorer outcomes, particularly where there is intersectionality of protected characteristics.

Our activities, wherever possible, will be targeted to support change for those groups. This plan does not capture all activities that will contribute to the outcomes, but highlights those which are most explicitly connected to them. These activities, will deliver multiple benefits across several outcomes, and we will use our shared research capability to test and grow our evidence base and ensure our interventions make the impact we are seeking.

The work outlined here requires collaboration and partnership across teams, organisations and the community. While we have identified

a lead for each outcome, they are not solely responsible for delivery – rather, they are the key convenor of those who need to be involved.

For each outcome we have selected indicators or metrics that will help us understand whether the outcomes we seek are being delivered. We will be taking an equalities, diversity and inclusion focus to all metrics so we can better understand and address inequalities. We also need to take account of the shifting context of our work and its impact on our ability to deliver the change we want to see.

We know there are gaps in our understanding, and we will continue to develop the metrics through the life of the strategy. We have chosen metrics that are routinely collected, with readily accessible data and, wherever possible, that enable us to benchmark our progress over time and against other areas.



Priority: Ensuring the best start in life

Outcome	Metrics	Activity	Lead
More children are achieving a good level of development by age five		Deliver the Best Start in Life Local Plan to drive improvements in service provision and integration across education, health and care.	Director of Integrated Children's Commissioning
	Percentage of children with a good level of development in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile	Deliver the Food Justice Action Plan ambitions related to children and young people, including increasing the uptake of Healthy Start vouchers, free school meals, enriching activities and nutritious food during school holidays, alongside taking a multi-agency approach to support children in Lambeth to achieve a healthy weight.	Director of Public Health
	Percentage point difference between the proportion of children eligible or not eligible for Free School Meals achieving a Good Level of Development in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile	Also important to this outcome will be the delivery of: • Active Lambeth Strategy 2022-2027 • Lambeth Together Health and Care Plan 2023-2028 • Education & Learning Strategy 2024-2030 • Tackling Poverty Action Plan 2025-2030 • Growth Plan 2025-2030 • Act Early South London	

Priority: Ensuring the best start in life (continued)

Outcome	Metrics	Activity	Lead
The emotional wellbeing of parents, carers, babies, children and young people is supported	Percentage of children and young people accessing commissioned emotional health and wellbeing services reporting an improvement in their emotional health and wellbeing following intervention	Scale up the current Mental Health Support Team programme to provide coverage across all schools by 2029/30.	Director of Integrated Children's Commissioning
		Implement a new commissioned offer of targeted emotional health and wellbeing support for children and young people in community settings, reducing demand for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and providing effective early intervention.	Director of Integrated Children's Commissioning
	Absence rate – persistent and severe absence	Also important to this outcome will be the delivery of: • Education & Learning Strategy 2024-2030 • SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2030 • Lambeth Made Safer Strategy 2020-2030 • Act Early South London	
	Absence rate for SEN pupils		

Priority: Supporting people to lead healthy lives and have good physical and mental wellbeing

Outcome	Metrics	Activity	Lead
Long-term conditions and associated health complications are prevented	Percentage of those setting a quit date who successfully quit smoking	Deliver the Lambeth Tobacco Control Plan 2024-29 with local and regional partners to reduce smoking and lessen the health, social, economic and environmental costs of tobacco and the inequalities it drives in the borough.	Director of Public Health
	Overweight (including obesity) prevalence in adults, (using adjusted self-reported height and weight)	Continue to implement a whole-systems approach to addressing obesity, across the life course with a focus on families and groups at greater risk of obesity and its consequences. This involves working with statutory, voluntary and community sectors and local businesses to deliver prevention and weight management initiatives.	Director of Public Health
	Proportion of NHS health checks completed across the eligible population	Continue to implement the shift towards prevention across the health and care system through the development and implementation of a local prevention offer which includes a programme of delivery within neighbourhoods.	Director of Public Health

Priority: Supporting people to lead healthy lives and have good physical and mental wellbeing (continued)

Outcome	Metrics	Activity	Lead
Long-term conditions and associated health complications are prevented		Implement the newly commissioned NHS Health Checks model taking a developmental approach by applying the learning from the national NHS Health Check pilots and ensuring addressing inequalities continues to be embedded in the programme.	Director of Public Health
	Percentage of those setting a quit date who successfully quit smoking	Continue to support the HIV Action Plan goals locally by preventing new HIV transmissions, reducing late diagnosis and supporting people to live well with HIV. Work with community and voluntary sector partners to expand HIV testing, promote effective prevention including PrEP, tackle health inequalities, and ensure timely access to support.	Director of Public Health
	Overweight (including obesity) prevalence in adults, (using adjusted self-reported height and weight)		
	Proportion of NHS health checks completed across the eligible population	Also important to the delivery of this outcome will be: • Food Justice Action Plan 2025-2030 • Lambeth Together Health and Care Plan 2023-2028 • Air Quality Action Plan 2026-2028 • Climate Action Plan 2023-2030 • Lambeth Local Plan 2020-2035 • Age-Friendly Action Plan 2024-2027 • Active Lambeth Strategy 2022-2027 • Transport Strategy	

Priority: Supporting people to lead healthy lives and have good physical and mental wellbeing (continued)

Outcome	Metrics	Activity	Lead
People are supported to live well independently for as long as possible		Deliver the Age-Friendly Lambeth Action Plan, ensuring that Lambeth is a place that supports people to age well including through health, housing, transport, community and civic participation.	Director of Public Health
		Increase the number of people achieving improved independence through reablement by increasing the number of referrals from community settings and ensuring timely access to reablement at hospital discharge.	Director Adult Social Care
	Proportion of people who receive long-term support who live in their home or with family	Continue to strengthen prevention and early intervention in adult social care, building on the recent redesign of the front door. This includes establishing a proactive falls prevention service as part of the Future of Prevention programme.	Director Adult Social Care
	Proportion of people who received reablement during the year, who were previously not receiving services, where no further request was made for ongoing support	Deliver the Carers Strategy 2024-29 to improve the quality of life of unpaid carers in the borough.	Director of Integrated Commissioning (Adults)
		Also important to the delivery of this outcome will be: • Active Lambeth Strategy 2022-2027 • Lambeth Together Health and Care Plan 2023-2028 • Age-Friendly Action Plan 2024-2027 • Housing Strategy 2024-2030 • Local Plan	

Priority: Supporting people to lead healthy lives and have good physical and mental wellbeing (continued)

Outcome	Metrics	Activity	Lead
People at risk of and with depression, anxiety and other mental health issues access the right early help and resources		Continue partnership work between Lambeth Council, the NHS and community partners, to improve mental health outcomes for Black people, with a focus on culturally appropriate services and addressing the inequalities that impact the mental health of Lambeth's Black communities.	Lambeth Living Well Network Alliance Director
	Suicide rate	Deliver the Lambeth Living Well Network Alliance priorities to increase the number of people accessing early and preventative mental health support and reducing the number of people reaching crisis point.	Lambeth Living Well Network Alliance Director
	Premature mortality in adults with severe mental illness	Deliver the Suicide Prevention Strategy focusing on at-risk groups, including children and young people; men; LGBTQ+ people; pregnant women and new mothers; asylum seekers; people affected by substance misuse, economic adversity or gambling harms; people with autism; domestic abuse survivors, and people in contact with mental health services and the criminal justice system.	Director of Public Health

Priority: Supporting people to lead healthy lives and have good physical and mental wellbeing (continued)

Outcome	Metrics	Activity	Lead
People at risk of and with depression, anxiety and other mental health issues access the right early help and resources		Deliver the Combatting Drugs Partnership Plan to sustain engagement in treatment, strengthen continuity of care, and reduce drug-related harm, including by exploring options around developing dual diagnosis pathways.	Director of Public Health
	Suicide rate	Establish a Public Health approach to gambling harms locally, including conducting a needs assessment, partnership working and the development and delivery of evidence based preventative initiatives.	Director of Public Health
	Premature mortality in adults with severe mental illness	Also important to the delivery of this outcome will be: • Active Lambeth Strategy 2022-27 • Inclusive Talent Strategy 2025-2030 • Connect to Work Programme • Lambeth Together Health and Care Plan 2023-2028	

Priority: Supporting communities to flourish and build their resilience

Outcome	Metrics	Activity	Lead
People live and work in inclusive places that maintain and improve their health	Employment rate	Support people's financial resilience through the components of the Lambeth Growth Plan that address the systematic barriers to economic opportunity that many of our communities face, including employment.	Assistant Director, Skills and Employment
	18–24-year-olds in full-time education or employment	Deliver the Connect to Work programme to support people with health conditions and disabilities to find and sustain employment, including by integrating employment support with health services and providing personalised training and employment advice.	Assistant Director, Skills and Employment
	Rate of households with children in temporary accommodation per 1,000 households	Harness the role of Lambeth's anchor institutions, including hospitals and Lambeth Council, as local employers, purchasers and contributors to climate change action.	Director of Strategy, Communications & Change
	Percentage of duties owed where homelessness was prevented or relieved	Enhance opportunities to improve health and address inequalities through the Local Plan refresh.	Assistant Director of Policy and Place Shaping
	Physical inactivity: less active (less than 30 minutes per day)	Deliver the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy to continue to increase homelessness prevention rates and reduce the number of households in temporary accommodation.	Director of Housing

Priority: Supporting communities to flourish and build their resilience (continued)

Outcome	Metrics	Activity	Lead
People live and work in inclusive places that maintain and improve their health	Employment rate	Continue to deliver the Warmer Homes Programme, upgrading the quality and efficiency of our social housing stock and similar upgrades in the private and private rented sector.	Assistant Director of Climate Change and Strategic Transport
	18–24-year-olds in full-time education or employment	Continue to deliver the Transport Strategy, particularly those components which encourage and enable higher and more equitable levels of physical activity and active travel, including Healthy Neighbourhoods, Healthy Routes, the Kerbside Strategy and School Streets.	Assistant Director of Climate Change and Strategic Transport
	Rate of households with children in temporary accommodation per 1,000 households	Deliver and maintain high quality parks, green spaces and sports programmes, with a focus on young people, deprived neighbourhoods and people who are less active.	Assistant Director Neighbourhoods
	Percentage of duties owed where homelessness was prevented or relieved	Also important to the delivery of this outcome will be: • Inclusive Talent Strategy 2025-2030 • Local plan • Housing Strategy 2024-2030 • Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2025-2030 • Tackling Poverty Action Plan 2025-2030	
	Physical inactivity: less active (less than 30 minutes per day)		

Priority: Supporting communities to flourish and build their resilience (continued)

Outcome	Metrics	Activity	Lead
People are well connected in their communities, feel safe and in control of their lives	Percentage of people who agree adults in their communities can be trusted	Continue to support and champion Lambeth’s voluntary and community sector organisations through our new tailored support offer, network events and refreshed Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy.	Director of Strategy, Communications & Change
		Bring together community-based and -led health initiatives at neighbourhood level building on the work of Thriving Communities and other community initiatives.	Director of Public Health
		Deliver the Food Justice Action Plan, taking a life course and whole system approach, and addressing the root causes of food poverty including employment and economic hardship. Ensure this plan provides clear focus on inequalities in access to good food and addresses inequalities in access particularly among Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups.	Director of Public Health
	Percentage of people who are satisfied with their local area as a place to live		
	Percentage of people who feel they can influence local decisions	Also important to the delivery of this outcome will be: • Age Friendly Action Plan 2024-2027 • Youth and Play Strategy • Lambeth Together Health and Care Plan 2023-2028 • Active Lambeth Strategy 2022-2027 • Housing Strategy 2024-2030 • Lambeth Made Safer Strategy 2020-2030 • Combating Drugs Partnership Plan	

Key strategies and policies linked to this strategy

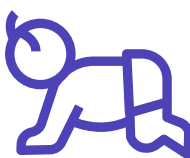
Strategy/policy	Outcome 1: Child development	Outcome 2: Child mental health	Outcome 3: Long-term conditions	Outcome 4: Living independently	Outcome 5: Mental health	Outcome 6: Healthy places	Outcome 7: Community connection
Active Lambeth Strategy	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Act Early South London	✓	✓					
Age-Friendly Action Plan			✓	✓			✓
Air Quality Action Plan			✓				
Climate Action Plan			✓			✓	
Combatting Drugs Partnership Plan			✓		✓		✓
Connect to Work Programme			✓		✓	✓	
Education & Learning Strategy	✓	✓					
Food Justice Action Plan			✓				
Growth Plan	✓				✓	✓	
Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy						✓	✓
Housing Strategy				✓		✓	✓
Inclusive Talent Strategy					✓	✓	
Lambeth Local Plan			✓	✓		✓	
Lambeth Made Safer Strategy		✓					✓
Lambeth Together Health & Care Plan	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
SEND & Inclusion Strategy		✓				✓	
Tackling Poverty Action Plan	✓	✓				✓	
Transport Strategy			✓			✓	
Youth & Play Strategy	✓						✓

Highlights of work delivered since 2023

Priority: Ensuring the best start in life



Campaigns have been delivered to increase access to **free childcare support** and **free period products** in schools, as well as increasing the uptake of **Healthy Start vouchers** from 56% to 68%.



The **Start for Life programme** delivered interventions supporting perinatal mental health, infant feeding and parent-infant relationships.



Mental health support in schools has been increased to cover around 40% of Lambeth, and Lambeth CAMHS has achieved a consistent reduction in waiting times for mental health support.



Lambeth was one of the first boroughs to adopt auto-enrolment in **Free School Meals** for eligible families, with 1,500 children enrolled who were not previously claiming them.



A **Family Hub network model** has been established, with effective interagency links and signposting to provide a cohesive package of support to children and families.



A growing number of children and young people are accessing emotional wellbeing support through the innovative GP-led **Well Centre model**, with additional investment focused on supporting complex needs. An evaluation in 2024 demonstrated the effectiveness of the model, which is now being spread across London.

Priority: Supporting people to lead healthy lives and have good physical and mental wellbeing



Lambeth Council worked with other boroughs to commission the **SmokeFree app** and has established Tobacco Dependency Advisors to support people to quit smoking in construction sites, schools and youth centres.



The **Adult Social Care Prevention Strategy** has helped reduce new social care assessments by 40%, alongside a 55% reduction in the social care assessment waiting list.



Community and VCSE partners delivered a range of work to support **Black people's mental health**. Since 2023, the Listening Place has supported nearly 2,000 people with suicidal thoughts, 30% of whom were from a Black background and Black Thrive Lambeth has led programmes to strengthen Black LGBTQ+ voice, as well as youth-led research projects and co-designed wellbeing initiatives.



Seven permanent **Healthy Neighbourhoods** have been established, supporting safe active travel across around 30% of the borough. Lambeth also now has 45 School Streets that create traffic-free areas near primary schools.



The **Lambeth Carers Strategy**, launched to improve the lives of unpaid carers, has seen a 33% increase in carers who are supported.



Since 2023, Lambeth Council has provided **financial and welfare advice** to support residents to secure £12.5m in unclaimed benefits, reduce expenditure by £4m and reduce debt by £3m, and has helped reduce the gap between the proportion of White residents and Black and Asian residents in or at risk of financial crisis by 10%.



The **Kerbside Strategy** has delivered six community parklets, 1,500 cycle hangar spaces and 2.3km of protected cycle tracks.



Mental health support in the community has been widened. The Crisis Outreach Service and Living Well Centres grew the number of people they support by 53% and 35% respectively over the past year, and crisis support from the Evening Sanctuary service helped avoid 1,695 A&E attendances between 2023/4 and 2024/5.

Priority: Supporting communities to flourish and build their resilience



Through the previous **Employment and Skills Strategy**, Lambeth Council supported over 5,000 residents into employment, education and training, with over 20% of the residents supported reporting a disability or health condition. This will be built on through the recently launched Inclusive Talent Strategy 2025–30.



Work on homelessness, including the **Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2025–30**, have led to sustained reductions in the number of people in Temporary Accommodation over the past year. Lambeth's **Young Persons Pathway** support system for vulnerable young people won joint second place at the London Homelessness Awards 2024.



As part of Lambeth Council's **Urban Forest Strategy**, 12,000 trees were planted on council land through joint efforts of volunteers and staff, with a focus on areas with poorer air quality and fewer trees.



People at risk of health inequalities have been supported into sustainable work through programmes such as supported internships for young people with SEND and for care-experienced young people, combined with specialist mental health support.



Lambeth Council established a **Neighbourhood Housing and Tenancy Support Team** and a Support Services Module to provide holistic help for people to sustain their tenancies and link people into wider support.



Lambeth Council's new Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) support team has introduced a **VCS capacity-building support service** targeted at grassroots organisations that support marginalised communities.



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