This profile brings together wellbeing data to provide standard statistics for Lambeth.

Key facts

Lambeth has fewer residents with no qualifications than London average.

Lambeth residents’ survey showed that wellbeing scores were slightly higher than England average.

Lambeth residents who are unemployed, disabled or sick report poorer wellbeing.

In Lambeth, noise complaints, hospital admissions for violence and children living in deprivation are all higher than the London average.

Defining Wellbeing

Wellbeing is a broad concept including happiness, satisfaction with life, autonomy and sense of purpose. “To feel positive about the present, feeling hopeful about the future; feeling confident about being able to handle life’s stresses and problems; and feeling that mostly life is fulfilling and rewarding”.

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<th>Social Feeling</th>
<th>Connections and relationships with friends, family and community; sense of belonging, support, fairness and trust.</th>
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<td>Social Functioning</td>
<td>Contribution made through work and altruism to care for others, the community and the planet; includes volunteering and participation in group activities.</td>
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Source: New Economics Foundation, four quadrants of wellbeing

Factors affecting wellbeing

The National Centre for Social Research identified domains affecting wellbeing to varying degrees which are summarised in the figure opposite. These domains contribute to overall wellbeing reports by individuals and encompass ill health as well as wider determinants of health and wellbeing.

There is a role for everyone in improving wellbeing through policy making, commissioning, service delivery and on an individual level.

Risk factors for poor wellbeing

Analysis of existing national datasets has produced information about potential risk factors for poor wellbeing and indicates which groups may be particularly vulnerable.

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<td>Older teenagers, particularly girls</td>
<td>Absence of positive, supportive personal relationships</td>
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<td>People with a disability</td>
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<td>Having a poorly maintained home</td>
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<td>People in significant financial hardship</td>
<td>Living in a cold home</td>
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<td>People who are unemployed, particularly men</td>
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<td>A disruptive school environment</td>
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<td>Age: lowest wellbeing scores are in the mid teenage years, at midlife, and amongst the very old</td>
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Why wellbeing matters to you

Importance to the Public’s Health

- Wellbeing integrates mental health and physical health, resulting in more holistic approaches to disease prevention and health promotion.
- Wellbeing is a valid population outcome measure that tells us how people perceive their life is going.
- Wellbeing is an outcome that is meaningful to the public.
- Wellbeing is associated with numerous health-, economy-, and family-related benefits. Higher levels of wellbeing are associated with improved educational outcomes, greater productivity, and continuing employment, improved cognitive ability and quality of life, and improved social connectedness. There is also an association with reduced mortality, reduced criminal behaviour, risk-taking behaviour, and sickness absence.

Policy approaches for improving wellbeing

A life-course approach, which looks at wellbeing at all stages of life, has been advocated in previous mental health frameworks as providing the most effective method of formulating a set of policies and initiatives.

Strengthening individuals
- Promotion of self-efficacy, emotional/social skills, resilience, intrinsic motivation and sense of purpose, empathy, and pro-social behaviour.
- Promoting lifestyles that enhance and protect mental health, such as physical activity, nutrition, drinking moderately and maintaining social networks.

Strengthening communities
- Increasing social inclusion and participation, improving community safety and neighbourhood environments, promoting childcare and self-help networks.
- Developing health and social services to support mental health, and improving mental health within schools and workplaces.

Reducing structural barriers to mental health
- Initiatives to reduce poverty, discrimination, and inequalities.
- Promoting access to education, good-quality employment and housing.
- Services and support for those who are vulnerable.

Improving quality of the physical environment
- Facilitating access to the natural environment and better design of products, the built environment and transportation systems.

Risks & Opportunities

Benefit cuts and the impact of recession make this a critical time to consider the opportunities to protect and promote the wellbeing of residents. ‘In work poverty’, growing economic inequality and a budget gap between Government funding and the anticipated demand on public services are all risks to the wellbeing of populations as they undermine the capacity for resilience. Action to promote wellbeing will have an impact on outcomes that are important to Health and Wellbeing partners including increased educational attainment and employment, and reductions in crime and antisocial behaviour.

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Measures of Wellbeing

There are challenges with measuring wellbeing at a local level however there are frameworks, tools and measures that can be looked to and used to help form a fuller picture of wellbeing in our area.

Measuring National Wellbeing Programme (ONS)

Interactive Wellbeing Wheel

The ONS brought together an indicator set for wellbeing on a national level. 42 measures were identified across 10 domains. Only some of these data are available at a local level. An interactive version of the wellbeing wheel is available at the link above.

Wellbeing Probability Score (Greater London Authority)

Wellbeing probability scores have been calculated using 12 measures available at a local level including:
- Life expectancy,
- Incapacity benefit claimant rate,
- Unemployment and income support claimant rate,
- Crime rate and deliberate fire setting,
- GCSE point scores, unauthorised pupil absence,
- Children living in out of work households,
- Public transport accessibility scores,
- Access to public open space and nature,
- Happiness (composite wellbeing score).

The England and Wales average is shown as 0, scores above zero indicate a higher probability of higher wellbeing whilst scores below zero indicate a higher probability of lower wellbeing. All but two wards in Lambeth have wellbeing scores below the England and Wales average.

Wellbeing in Lambeth Wards, 2012

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Residents’ surveys were conducted in Lambeth in 2012-2013 using the Short Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale (sWEMWBS) in order to understand levels of wellbeing in the borough. The sample size with completed sWEMWBS scores was 656.

Scores higher than 25 indicate higher reports of wellbeing.

Descriptive analysis of the data suggests:
- Age and Employment status are linked to wellbeing
- Lower reported wellbeing can be seen in those who are unemployed, or permanently sick/disabled

Click the link to find out your personal wellbeing score: My Wellbeing Score

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Measures of Wellbeing Available Locally*

Annual Population survey (ONS): 4 self report questions on personal wellbeing; 2012/13

- 27.5% report high anxiety (22.4% in London, 21.1% in England).
- 11.0% report low happiness, (10.3% in London, 10.4% in England).
- 7.8% report low satisfaction with life (6.3% in London, 5.8% in England).
- 4.4% report not feeling like actions are worthwhile (4.2% in London, 4.4% in England).

Voter turnout in Lambeth; 2010

Voter turnout is an indicator of community engagement with those with higher levels of wellbeing being more likely to engage. Voter turnout was 57.5% in Lambeth compared to 63.1% across London boroughs and 65.1% across the UK (% of registered electorate).

Environment and Community

Noise
- 29.3 per 1000 noise complaints [8925 complaints][16.4 in London, 7.5 in England.]

Crime
- 86.9 per 100,000 Hospital admissions for violence (57.7 in London, 57.6 in England.

Green Space
- 12.2% use outdoor space for exercise or health reasons (10.5% in London, 15.3% in England.

Social Isolation
- 39.4% of adult carers report having as much social contact as they would like (36.5% in London, 41.3% in England).
- 39.8% of adult social care users report having as much social contact as they would like (39.8% in London, 43.2% in England).

Education and economy

Qualifications
- 62.0% achieved 5 A* – C grades at GCSE (61.3% in London, 58.4% in England; 2011/12).
- 6.4% of 16-64 year olds have no qualifications (7.8% in London, 9.3% in the UK; 2013).
- 4.7% unauthorised pupil absence [383,202 half days missed][4.8% in London, 5.1% in England.

Income deprivation
- 31.6% of children live in deprivation [17400 children] (26.5% in London, 20.6% in England.
- 6.1% of children live in households with no adults in work [7950 children] (5.7% in London, 4.2% in England; 2011).

*Red indicates scores worse than London, green indicates scores which are better, amber indicates equivalent scores, and white indicates scores where comparable data is unavailable*. 

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References
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Data Sources
National Centre for Social Research
Greater London Authority (data store)
Public Health Outcomes Framework
Public Health Observatory (APHO)
Department for Education
Neighbourhood Statistics
Nomisweb

*Some ONS wellbeing measures available at local level have been omitted for brevity as the data have already been published in accompanying JSNA factsheets.
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FURTHER INFORMATION & FEEDBACK
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