

***Healthier Policy for a World City***

***...the role of***

# **Health Impact Assessment**

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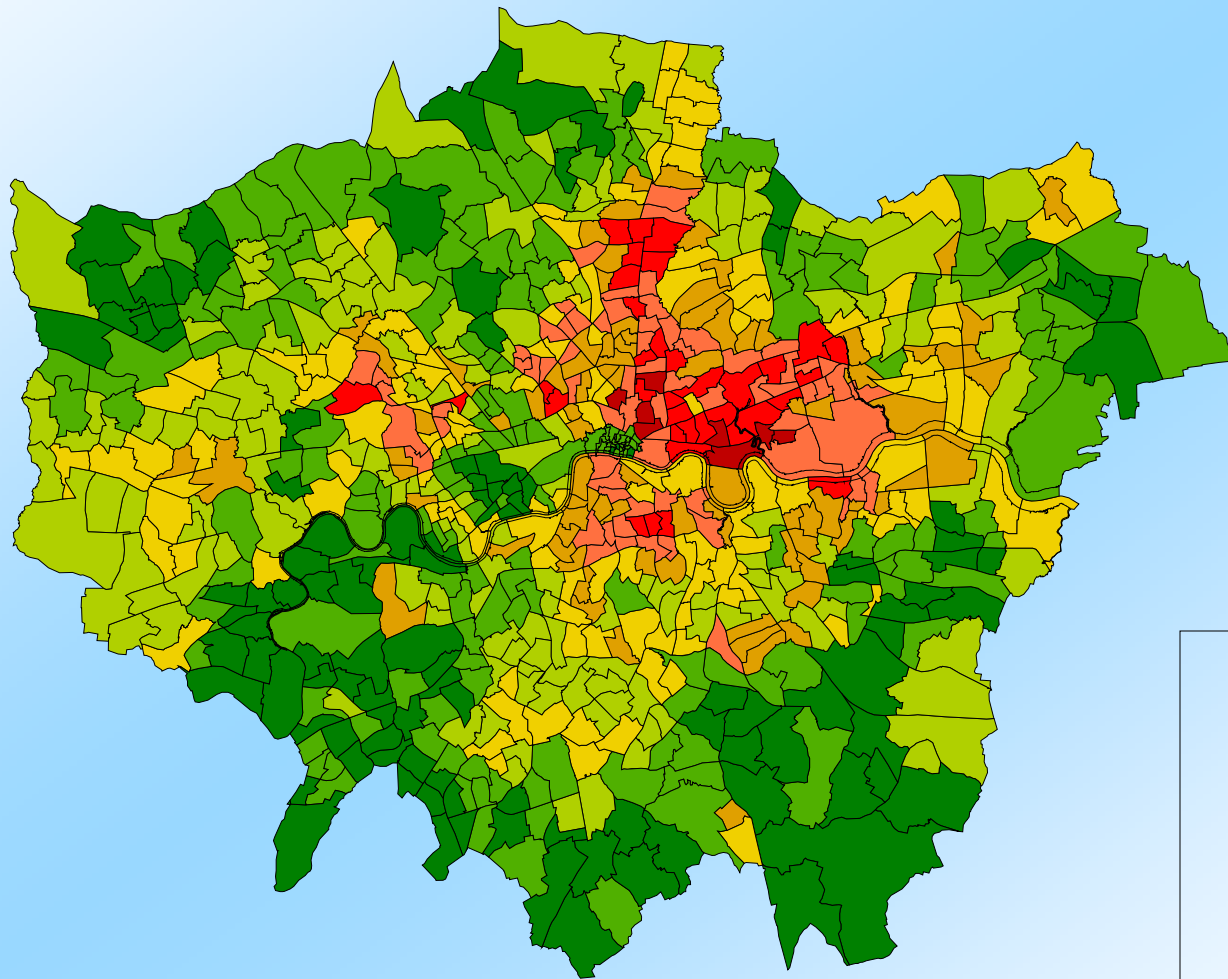
# Facts about London

- Population 7.2m, projected to increase by 800,000 by 2016
- 30,000 new homes need to be built every year
- 636,000 new jobs expected by 2016
- The most culturally diverse city in Europe: 1 in 3 from an ethnic minority group; over 300 languages spoken

# Wealth and Poverty in London

- London's GDP is £180 billion
- 375 of the top 500 global companies have offices in London
- 43% of children live below poverty line
- Over 1/3 of pensioners live in poverty
- Long term unemployment higher than the national average

# Wealth and deprivation



IMD : Ward values

70 to 80	(8)
60 to 70	(35)
50 to 60	(70)
40 to 50	(87)
30 to 40	(129)
20 to 30	(157)
10 to 20	(180)
0 to 10	(116)

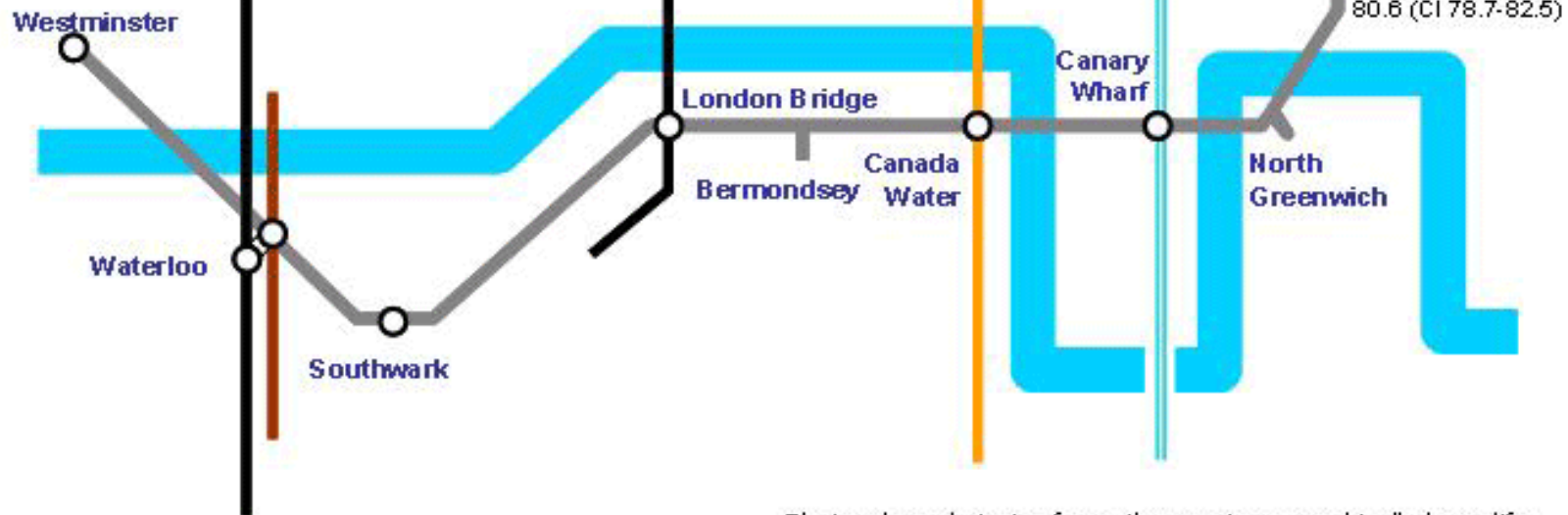
# Health Inequalities in London

## Differences in Life Expectancy within a small area in London

Travelling east from Westminster, each tube stop represents nearly one year of life expectancy lost

Male Life Expectancy  
77.7 (CI 75.6-79.7)

Female Life Expectancy  
84.2 (CI 81.7-86.8)



London Underground Jubilee Line

Electoral wards just a few miles apart geographically have life expectancy spans varying by years. For instance, there are eight stops between Westminster and Canning Town on the Jubilee Line – so as one travels east, each stop, on average, marks nearly a year of shortened lifespan.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Source: Analysis by London Health Observatory using Office for National Statistics data. Diagram produced by Department of Health

# Role of the Greater London Authority

The main purpose of the GLA is:

Promoting economic and social development in Greater London, and the improvement of the environment

Subsidiary purposes (cross cutting themes)

- ***To promote health of Londoners***
- To promote equalities
- To promote sustainable development

In preparing strategies, the Mayor must *'have regard to' the health of Londoners*

# London Health Commission

- **Launched by Mayor in October 2000**
- **Context of London Health Strategy**
- **Independent**
- **All the 'major London players' at the table! - 28 Members**
- **7 Executive partner agencies - GLA, LDA, RPHG ALG, GOL, LHO, Kings Fund**
- **5 Forums link with wider London networks**

# Aim and Purpose

*To reduce health inequalities in the capital and to improve the health and well-being of all Londoners*

- **Influencing** key policy makers and practitioners.
- **Supporting** local action.
- **Driving** on specific, priority issues through joint programmes

# Priorities & Forums



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# IMPACT

## *'Healthier Policy for a world city'*

- Health Impact Assessment
- Monitoring progress on 'Health In London'
- Speaking Out on London Health Issues
- Forging new Partnerships for Health
- Supporting Local Action
  
- Wider understanding and action on determinants of health and health inequalities in London
  - *National and International recognition*

# LHC HIAs of London Strategies

- **Spatial Development**
  - **Transport**
  - **Economic Development**
  - **Air Quality**
  - **Waste Management**
  - **Ambient Noise**
  - **Biodiversity**
  - **Culture**
  
  - **Health Inequalities Strategy**
- **Energy**
  - **Children and Young People strategy**
  - **Older People Strategy**
  - **Olympics Games**
  - *Review of the Economic Development Strategy*
  - *Extension of Congestion Charging Zone*
  
  - **NHS Framework for London**

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# London Approach to HIA

- Steering Group
- Screening & Scoping of draft strategy
- Rapid Appraisal of Evidence
- Policy Appraisal Stakeholder Workshop
- Report & Recommendations to Mayor
- Recommendations into final strategies
- Monitoring and Evaluation
  - *Publish evidence reviews & HIA reports*

# Independent evaluation shows:

- **Cost effective**

*Cost £16,745 (range £1,300- £65,000)*

*.....Benefit £50,000 - £100,000*

- Good practice in:

- **Mainstreaming** HIA in London policy
- **Building capacity** for HIA across sectors in London at city wide & locally

## ....and that LHC HIAs have:

- **Made a difference** to London strategies
- **Provided accessible evidence base** on social determinants of health
- **Increased stakeholder awareness** of impact of wider policies on health
- **Prompted earlier consideration of health** in strategy development & in strategy review
- **Contributed to development of HIA *methods, tools & evidence base*** at national, regional and local level...

# Increasing stakeholder awareness



# Why we have made progress in mainstreaming?

- Political commitment of the Mayor of London
- Health as a cross-cutting theme in the GLA Act
- Regional Director of Public Health is Advisor to Mayor
- LHC partnership operating formally and informally
- Good relationships and joint working through LHC; including London Health Observatory, GLA Health Policy Team, Regional Public Health
- Approach 'tailored' to London context
- Open to integrated approaches
- 'Keeping it simple'

# Building capacity

- Development of methods, tools and evidence
- Publications:
  - Short Guide to HIA
  - HIA Key Messages
  - HIA reports – web
  - Evidence reviews
- LHC Regional Events: dissemination...networking
- Training, expert support and advice - LHO key role
- Papers & presentations local, national, international

# Next Steps in HIA in London

Further develop the LHC HIA approach to:

- Screening
- Reviewing evidence for HIA
- Longer term monitoring and evaluation
- Integration with SEA, SA & EqIA approaches
- IIA of Mayor's Health Inequalities Strategy
- Integrated HIIA/EqIA of the new NHS Framework for London

# Integrated Impact Assessment

- GLA has legal obligation to consider health, sustainability and equalities
- Joint working between LHC, London Sustainable Development Commission & Equalities Commission
- Uses EU Strategic Environmental Assessment Methodology
- Strengthens the health and health inequalities components
- Pragmatic approach of using expert evidence based and health stakeholder workshops
- Separate health focussed report

# Health into *'The London Plan'*

## Health Objectives (...with performance measures)

- **Objective 2:** *'To make London a healthier and better city for people to live in' and as part of this Objective 'to promote policies to address health inequalities and the determinants of health in London and to improve the health of Londoners'.*
- **Objective 4** *'to improve the provision of social infrastructure and related services including the provision for health, play space and childcare facilities and address health inequalities' and 'ensure the legacy of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympics games increase access to facilities in deprived areas'.*

# ...Health into London Plan

## Importance of Impact Assessment:

Policy 3A.20 on Health Impacts Assessment:

**‘Boroughs should require Health Impact Assessment for major development proposals’**

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# Challenges and Opportunities for HIA in London

- HIA not statutory
- Demand for HIA at sub regional levels
- Pressure on resources; incl. for training & learning networks
- Available expertise...no national provision for HIA training & support
- Extended and New Mayoral Powers
- Move to more integrated, IIA approaches

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