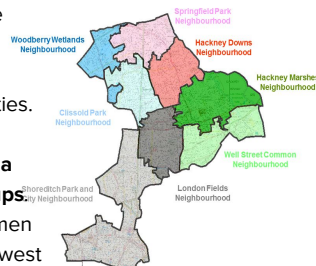


Neighbourhoods and Tackling Inequalities

1. What do we know about inequalities within & between Neighbourhoods?

We know that **health outcomes differ across and between populations in City and Hackney**. Now more than ever we need a tailored, local approach to understanding and addressing local health inequalities. Our Neighbourhoods approach is fundamental to helping address such inequalities.

We know that there is **variation geographically as well as a variation in outcomes between different population groups**. For example, there is a life expectancy gap of 9 years for men and almost 7 years for women between the highest and lowest GP registered populations locally. We understand there will be inequalities between populations as a result of COVID-19



2. Why is this even more important now?

- The Marmot review (10 years on) identified stalls to life expectancy nationally. **Health is closely linked to the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age**. Where we live, our education and our socio-economic status have far more impact on our health and wellbeing.
- COVID-19 presents opportunities but also risks. The current situation has **strengthened opportunities for collaborative working between organisations**. At the same time we have seen community self-mobilisation to support vulnerable people in a way not seen previously.
- We also know that **COVID-19 risks increasing levels of inequalities in local communities**. Nationally, risk of dying from COVID-19 is highest for those of older age, for men (more than women), higher in more deprived areas and higher amongst Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) groups. Other inequalities such as the digital divide have also been exposed.

3. How is Neighbourhoods helping to understand & address inequalities?

a). By listening to local communities and understanding the lives of local people

- Now more than ever health and care services need to base decisions on the reality people experience. Dialogue is critical between residents, voluntary and public services.
- Neighbourhoods is funding to Hackney CVS to initiate Neighbourhood conversations that start to understand local experiences. In addition Healthwatch Hackney will also be supporting community development work in collaboration with HCVS.

b). By understanding the evidence and identifying areas where change is needed

- Alongside listening to local communities work is underway to better understand the data within each Neighbourhood drawing on the evidence we have available to use.

c). By working together across organisations and with local people to bring about change

- Work is now underway to bring together Neighbourhood teams to help support people with particularly complex needs in a multi-agency way.
- This will build the foundations for multi-agency working within Neighbourhoods.

4. How will we know if this has made a difference?

Understanding the impact on reducing inequalities is a key part of Neighbourhoods. This will be both informed by data as well as local knowledge and intelligence. The Neighbourhood profiles that were developed in 2018 and will be refreshed play an important role in helping to understand and address inequalities within Neighbourhoods.

The evaluation framework we presented in the Neighbourhoods Operating Model to ICB in February includes a **focus on improving individual outcomes (domain 1) and community wellbeing and population health (domain 3)**. We described this domain as being unique to each Neighbourhood. Over the course of this year work will be undertaken to develop the framework for monitoring longer-term health inequalities across Neighbourhoods..

