

MERTON COUNCIL

Annual Public Health Report 2013/14

Merton **Bridging The Gap**



The
place
for a
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life

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An Invitation

To continue the journey started in November 2013 at the Merton Partnership conference, in which participants agreed

- Health inequalities between East and West Merton are unfair and unacceptable
- All Merton residents should have opportunities for a Good Life

The Place for a Good Life - Themes

- The best start in life for early years and education
- Good Health – prevention and early detection of disease and management close to home
- Good Life skills and good work
- Community participation and feeling safe
- A good natural and built environment

Merton Does Well Overall on Most Outcomes

- Good Progress is being made on early years development and education achievement
- Merton Clinical Commissioning Group is improving quality of health care
- Public Health is striving to embed prevention, working with Council colleagues to ensure healthy options are available for individuals to make healthy choices

Yet gaps persist between the East and West of Merton

Link between Deprivation and Life Expectancy

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Figure 2: Deprivation is highest in the east of Merion

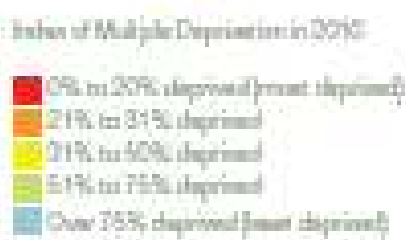
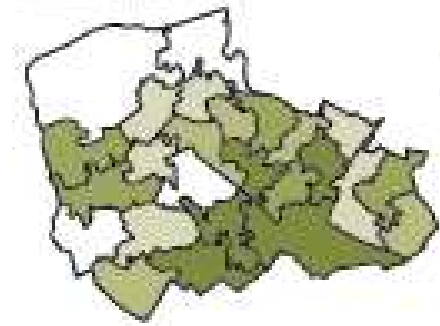
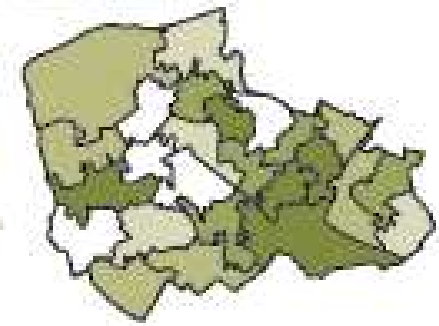


Figure 3: Good Overall Health Outcomes Despite Significant Inequalities
Residents in the West live longer than those in the East of Merion

Male life expectancy at birth, 2005 to 2010
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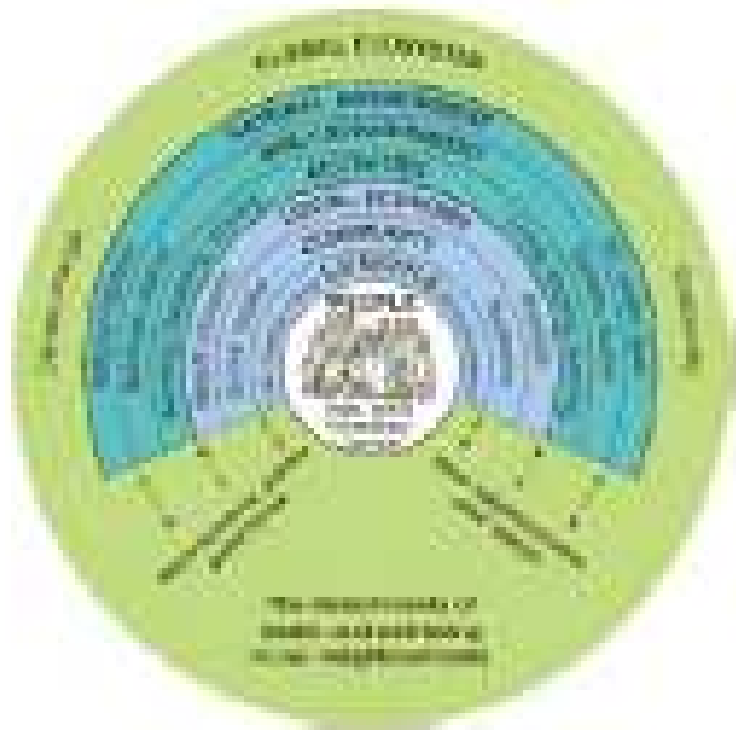


Female life expectancy at birth, 2005 to 2010
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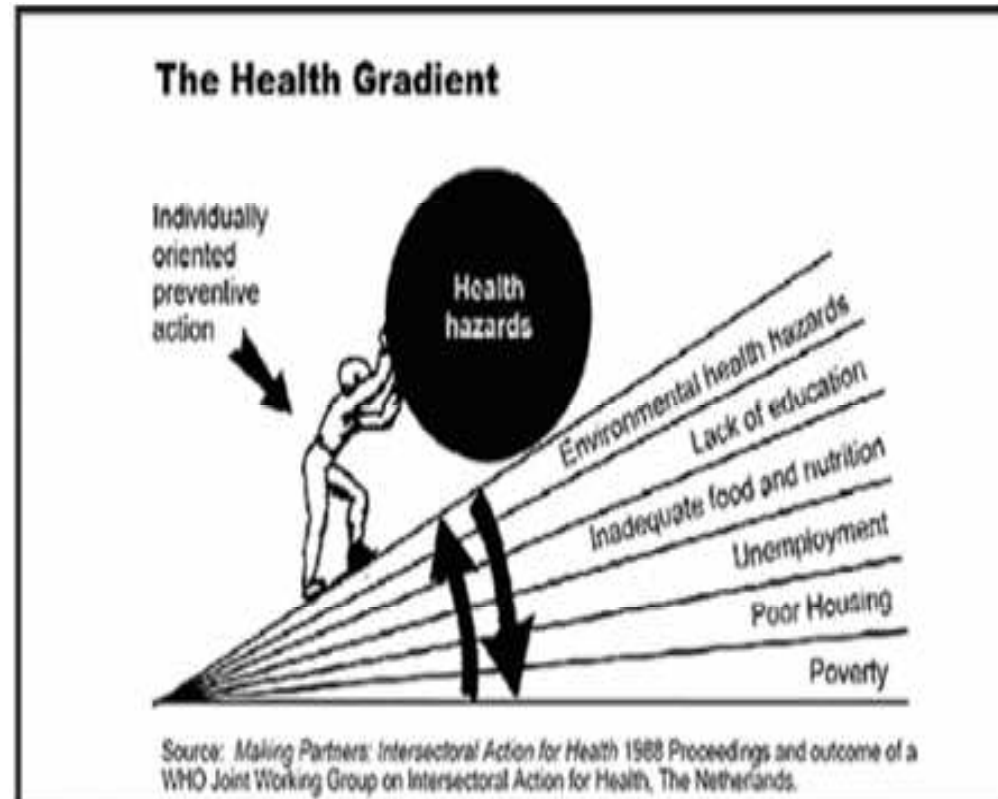


What Creates Health

Figure 1: What determines health or healthiness or ill



Edwin van Gent, 2006 based on Whitehead and Dahlgren, 1981



Source: *Making Partners: Intersectoral Action for Health 1988 Proceedings and outcome of a WHO Joint Working Group on Intersectoral Action for Health, The Netherlands.*

The Good Life Themes – We Want To

Best Start in Life

Improve social and mental wellbeing of children and parents



Reduce gap in school achievement between E and W Merton

Good Health



Make the healthy option the easy choice

Develop health services to meet needs of E Merton

Improve mental health and physical health for those with mental health conditions

The Good Life Themes – We Want To

Good Life Skills and Good Work Community Participation and Feeling Safe

Reduce gaps in levels of education and of work

Increase participation in lifelong learning



Make communities safer

Improve community connectedness and cohesion

The Good Life Themes – We Want To

Good Natural and Built Environment

Build a healthy environment – access to green space and healthy high streets



Achieve the affordable housing and decent home targets

The Good Life – We Want To

Recognise that these inequalities are the responsibility of us all and that we can achieve more by working together than alone

Build a strong coalition to address these inequalities

Invite you all to take up this challenge to create a good life for all residents of Merton



Community Street Audit – Pollards Hill

On the route:

- Community centre and library
- Youth centre
- Pollards park and playground
- Pollards Estate
- Links to green space
- Local shops and bus stops

Working with:

- Moat housing
- Churches
- Schools
- Horizon centre
- Police

