

Reducing health inequalities in London



MAYOR OF LONDON

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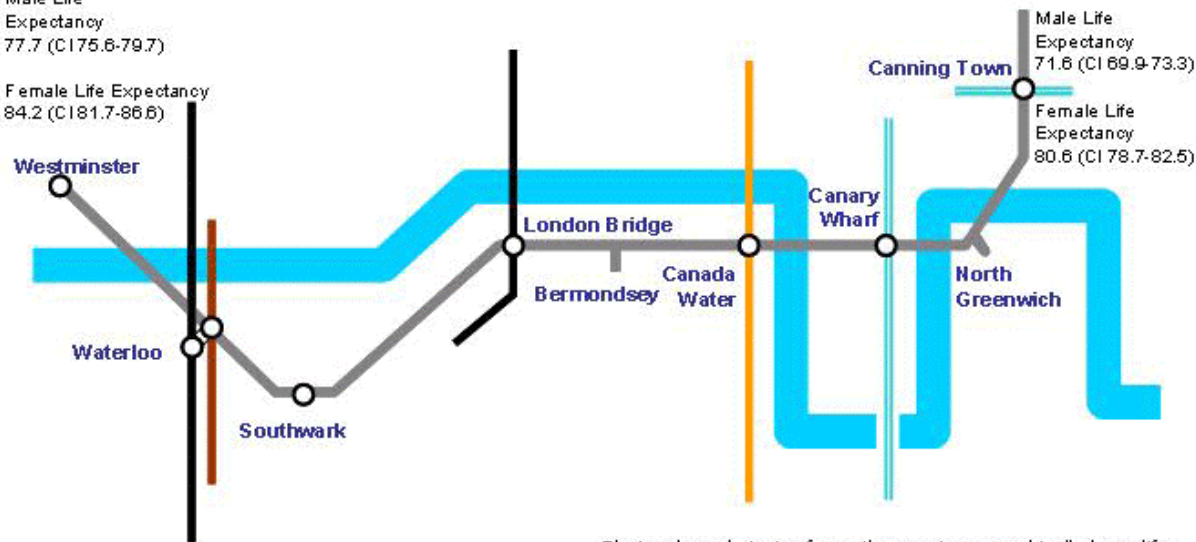
Health Inequalities in London

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 81.7-86.6)



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.¹

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

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GLA's approach

- Gathered and considered evidence
- Reviewed with Michael and his team
- Strategy developed with 5 key themes & 1 cross cutting objective
- Public consultation included roles for key partners

Mayor's strategic objectives

- Empower individual Londoners and communities
- Improve access to health and social care services
- Reduce income inequalities
- Increase opportunities for “good” work
- Develop London as a healthy place

Plus cross –cutting theme

- Knowledge and learning



Mayor's leadership role

- Leads creation of vision and energises debate
- Tackles health inequality through all GLA Plans
- Enhances contribution from GLA family
- Challenges individual Londoners
- Takes up issues with Government
- Builds commitment among partners and business
- Aligns resources

Partnership working to deliver London strategy

London

- London boroughs (especially political leadership)
- NHS in London (inc Trusts and FTs)
- Voluntary sector
- Employers (initial emphasis on public sector)

National

- Michael Marmot and team
- Relevant government depts

International

- New York