

Birmingham Public Health Green Paper

To inform the development of the Birmingham Public Health
Strategy 2019-2023

Public consultation: 18 March 2019 – 12 May 2019

Consultation Questionnaire

Overview

Birmingham City Council would like your views on the proposed Birmingham Public Health Green Paper.

This Green Paper sets out the proposed Public Health priorities for the next four years. Our priorities have been informed by data and intelligence on the areas of need in our City.

Within the Green Paper we have set out the reasons each priority has been chosen, and the actions that we and our partners would like to take to address these priority areas and, in turn, improve the health and wellbeing of Birmingham's population at every stage of life.

The priorities have been designed to support the shared ambition across the Council and its partners in the NHS, Police, Fire Service, Voluntary and Community Sector to improve the health and wellbeing of local people and support them to achieve their potential in life.

The four priorities align with the Council vision of Birmingham as an aspirational city to grow up in, an entrepreneurial city to live, work and invest in, a fulfilling city to age well in and a great city to live in. We also recognise in the Green Paper the shared objective that Birmingham citizens gain the maximum benefit from hosting the Commonwealth Games.

Why we are consulting

We are asking the people of Birmingham, strategic partners, and key agencies (including current service providers) to let us know your views on the public health priorities for the city set out in the Birmingham Public Health Green Paper.

We want to hear from you to help us reflect on whether these are the right priorities and to help shape our thinking as we look to develop a framework for action for the future.

Thank you for your time. The information you provide will be kept confidential and used only for the purposes of this consultation.

Section One: The Vision

Please see Section 1 of the Public Health Green Paper

- 1. Our vision is to improve and protect the health and wellbeing of Birmingham's population by reducing inequalities in health and enabling people to help themselves.**

This is driven by three values: equity, prevention and evidence based practice.

- a. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the vision and core values that we have set out for Public Health in Birmingham?**

(Please tick one box only)

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Strongly agree | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- b. If you disagree, please explain why and let us know how you think this could be improved.**

Section Two: The Four Priority Areas

Please see page 3 of the Public Health Green Paper

2. We have structured our priorities into four priority areas, three life stages from birth to death, and a fourth that reflects the important role of the environment around us on our health. These priority areas are:

- Child health
- Working age adults
- Ageing well
- Healthy environment

a. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed priority areas are the right ones to deliver our vision?

(Please tick one box for each priority area only)

Priority area	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree
Child Health				
Working age adults				
Ageing Well				
Healthy environment				

b. If you disagree, please explain why and let us know how you think these could be improved.

Section Three: Overarching Themes

Please see Sections 6 and 11 of the Public Health Green Paper

3. We propose that as well as our four priority areas, there are two overarching themes that should be considered across our work, these are:

- Addressing health inequalities because every child, citizen and place matters
- Maximising the public health gains from hosting the Commonwealth Games

a. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the overarching themes should be considered across our work?

(Please tick one box for each theme only)

Overarching themes	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree
Addressing health inequalities because every child, citizen and place matters				
Maximising the public health gains from hosting the Commonwealth Games				

b. If you disagree, please explain why and let us know how you think these could be improved.

Section Four: Improving Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing

Please see Section 7 of the Public Health Green Paper

4. In order to improve child health in Birmingham, we propose focusing on the following three priorities:

- Reducing infant mortality
- Taking a whole systems approach to childhood obesity
- Supporting the mental and physical health of our most vulnerable children

a. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed priorities are the right ones to achieve success in this area?

(Please tick one box for each priority only)

Priority	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree
Reducing infant mortality				
Taking a whole systems approach to childhood obesity				
Supporting the mental and physical health of our most vulnerable children				

b. If you disagree, please explain why and let us know how you think these could be improved.

Section Five: Improving Adult Health and Wellbeing

Please see Section 8 of the Public Health Green Paper

5. In order to improve the health of working age adults in Birmingham, we propose focusing on the following three priorities:

- Supporting workplaces to improve their employee wellbeing offer
- Addressing the cumulative impact of unhealthy behaviours such as tobacco control, substance misuse and physical inactivity
- Supporting the mental and physical health of our most vulnerable adults

a. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed priorities are the right ones to achieve success in this area?

(Please tick one box for each priority only)

Priority area	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree
Supporting workplaces to improve their employee wellbeing offer				
Addressing the cumulative impact of unhealthy behaviours such as tobacco control, substance misuse and physical inactivity				
Supporting the mental and physical health of our most vulnerable adults				

b. If you disagree, please explain why and let us know how you think these could be improved.

Section Six: Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Older Adults

Please see Section 9 of the Public Health Green Paper

6. In order to promote ageing well in Birmingham, we propose focusing on the following four priorities:

- Reducing social isolation
- Providing system wide information, advice and support to enable self-management
- Developing community assets
- Supporting the mental and physical health of our most vulnerable older people

a. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed priorities are the right ones to achieve success in this area?

(Please tick one box for each priority only)

Priority area	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree
Reducing social isolation				
Providing system wide information, advice and support to enable self-management				
Developing community assets				
Supporting the mental and physical health of our most vulnerable older people				

If you disagree, please explain why and let us know how you think these could be improved.

Section Seven: Creating Environments That Improve Health and Wellbeing

Please see Section 10 of the Public Health Green Paper

7. In order to enable a healthy environment in Birmingham, we propose focusing on the following three priorities:

- Improving air quality
- Increasing the health gains of new developments and transport schemes
- Health protection assurance and response including screening, immunisation and communicable diseases

a. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed priorities are the right ones to achieve success in this area?

(Please tick one box for each priority only)

Priority area	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree
Improving air quality				
Increasing the health gains of new developments and transport schemes				
Health protection assurance and response including screening, immunisation and communicable diseases				

b. If you disagree, please explain why and let us know how you think these could be improved.

Section Eight: Any Other Comments

- 8. Are there any other comments you would like to make about the proposed priorities and the content of the Green Paper?**

If you have comments on a specific section of the document, please note the section along with your response.

About You

We would like you to tell us some things about you.

You do not have to tell us if you do not want to, but if you do, it will help us understand if we have failed to engage with specific parts of the community.

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The personal information on this form will be kept safe and is protected by law.

You can see more information about data protection on our website at:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/privacy

9. Are you submitting this response on behalf of yourself or on behalf of an organisation?

Please tick one box only

On my own behalf ☐

On behalf of an organisation ☐

If on behalf of an organisation, please can you tell us which organisation the response is:

10. Are you?

Please tick one box that best describes your interest in the consultation:

A member of the general public ☐

Health or Care professional ☐

Public health specialist ☐

An academic ☐

Other (*please state*).....

11. Do you live, work, study or socialise in Birmingham? (tick all that apply)

- Live ☐
- Work ☐
- Study ☐
- Socialise ☐
- None of the above ☐

12. Please can you tell us the first section of the postcode of your home address? E.g. B1, B26, B5, B16, B64)

13. Which age group applies to you? (Please tick one box only)

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Under 16 <input type="checkbox"/> | 40 – 44 <input type="checkbox"/> | 70 – 74 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16 - 19 <input type="checkbox"/> | 45 – 49 <input type="checkbox"/> | 75 - 79 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20 – 24 <input type="checkbox"/> | 50 – 54 <input type="checkbox"/> | 80 – 84 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 25 – 29 <input type="checkbox"/> | 55 – 59 <input type="checkbox"/> | 85+ <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 30 – 34 <input type="checkbox"/> | 60 – 64 <input type="checkbox"/> | Prefer not to say <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 35 – 39 <input type="checkbox"/> | 65 – 69 <input type="checkbox"/> | |

14. What best describes your gender? (Please tick one box only)

- Male ☐
- Female ☐
- Other ☐
- Prefer not to say ☐

15. Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting, or expected to last, for 12 months or more? (Please tick one box only)

- Yes ☐
- No ☐
- Prefer not to say ☐

16. If yes, do any of these conditions or illnesses affect you in any of the following areas? (Please tick all that apply)

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| Vision (e.g. blindness or partial sight) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hearing (e.g. deafness or partial hearing) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mobility (e.g. walking short distances or climbing stairs) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dexterity (e.g. lifting and carrying objects, using a keyboard) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Learning or understanding or concentrating | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Memory | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mental Health | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Stamina or breathing or fatigue | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Socially or behaviourally (e.g. associated with Autism, attention deficit disorder or Asperger's Syndrome) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please state)..... | |

17. What is your ethnic group? (Please tick one box only)

White

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| English/ Welsh/ Scottish/ Northern Irish/ British | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gypsy or Irish Traveller | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Polish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Baltic States | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Jewish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other white European (including mixed European) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Any other White background (please state)..... | |

Mixed/ multiple ethnic groups

White and Black Caribbean/African ☐

White and Asian ☐

Any other Mixed background (*please state*).....

Asian/ Asian British

Afghani ☐

Bangladeshi ☐

British Asian ☐

Chinese ☐

Filipino ☐

Indian Sikh ☐

Indian Other ☐

Kashmiri ☐

Pakistani ☐

Sri Lankan ☐

Vietnamese ☐

Any other Asian background (*please state*).....

Black African/ Caribbean/ Black British

African ☐

Black British ☐

Caribbean ☐

Somali ☐

Any other Black/African/Caribbean background (*please state*).....

Other ethnic group

☐

Arab

☐

Iranian

☐

Kurdish

☐

Yemeni

☐

Any other ethnic group (*please state*).....

Prefer not to say

☐

18. What is your sexual orientation (*Please tick one box only*)

Bisexual

☐

Gay or Lesbian

☐

Heterosexual or Straight

Other

☐

(*please state*).....

Prefer not to say

☐

19. What is your religion or belief? (*Please tick one box only*)

No religion

☐

Christian (including Church of England, Catholic,
Protestant and all other Christian denominations)

☐
☐

Buddhist

☐

Hindu

☐

Jewish

☐

Muslim

☐

Sikh

☐

Any other religion (*please state*).....

Prefer not to say

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Please return this questionnaire to the FREE postal address below – you do not need to use a stamp.

If you have any further comments or views on the Public Health Green Paper, please contact:

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