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# UK Context - Reducing health inequalities: system, scale and sustainability - the approach in London

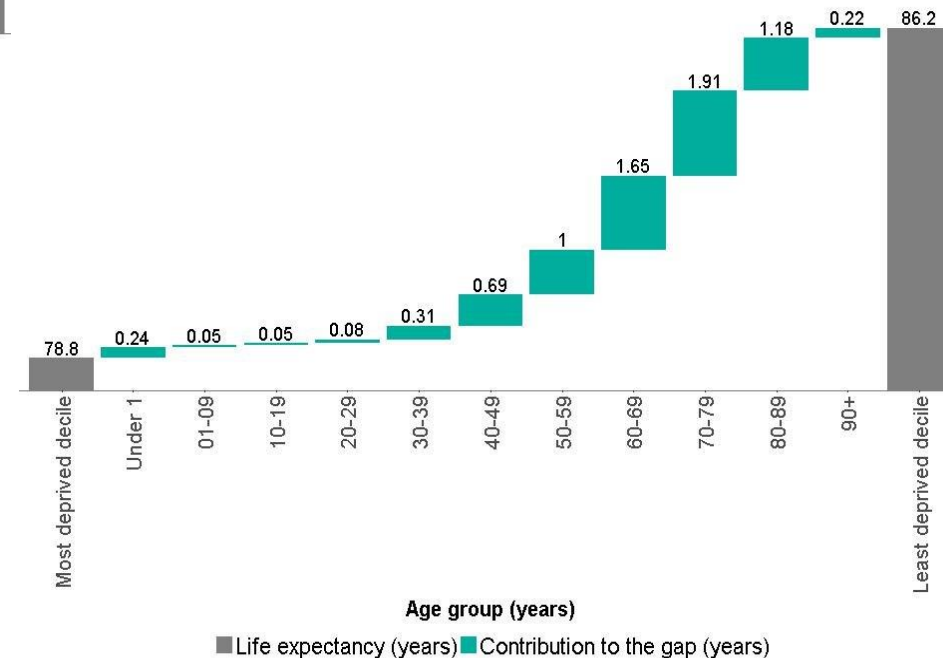
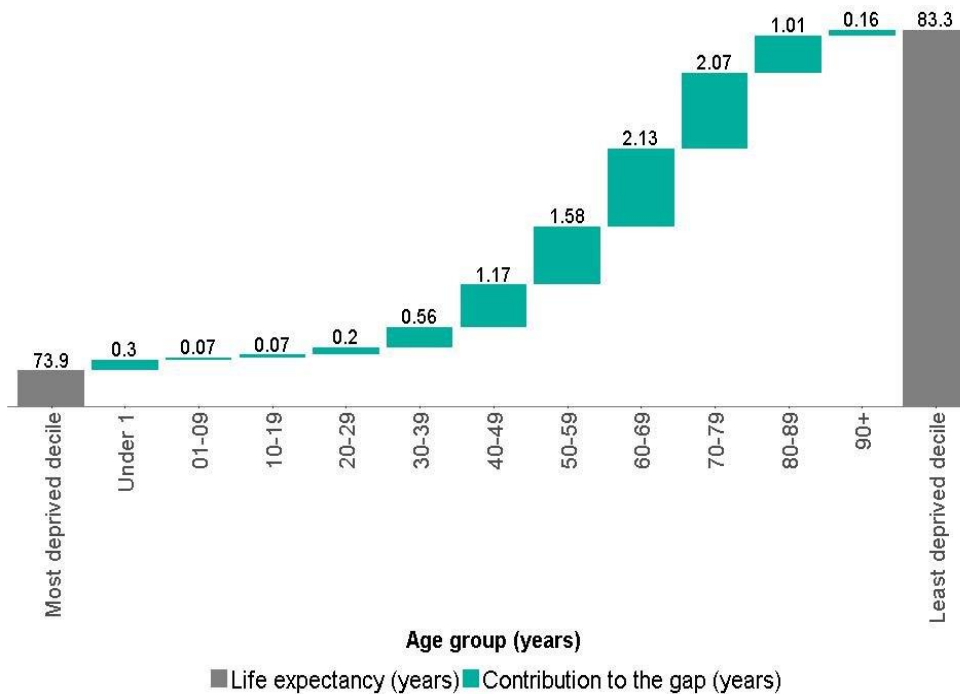
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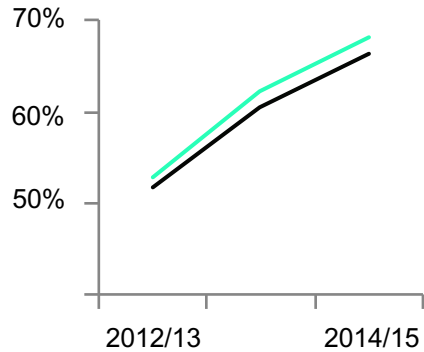
# The Challenge: Health inequalities in many domains are not improving

Example : breakdown of the life expectancy inequality gap between the most and least deprived deciles, by age group, males & females, England, 2014 to 2016



# England and London: School readiness

% of children achieving a good level of development (GLD) at the end of reception



## 1. Looks good...

London – 68.1%

England – 66.3%

## 2. BUT....Gender in England



For every 4 boys that achieve a GLD in England, there are roughly 5 girls.



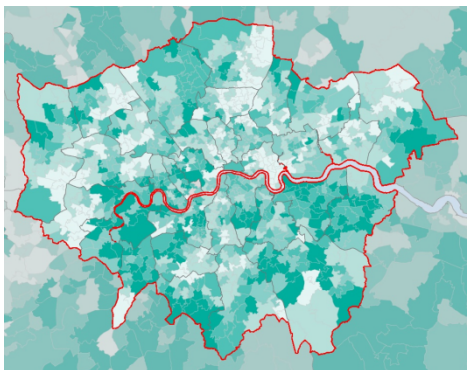
## 3. And there is a difference : London boroughs

Tower Hamlets  
61.6%

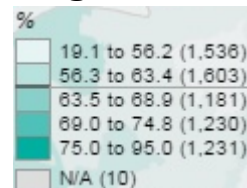
15.9

Lewisham  
77.5%

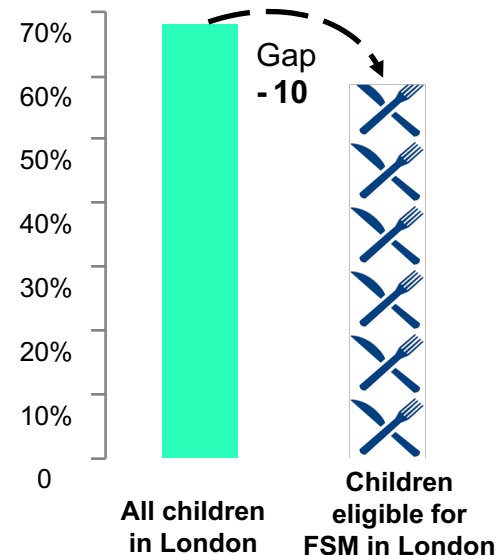
## London MSOAs



Gap between London MSOAs is huge



## 4. Which is big: Free school meals in London



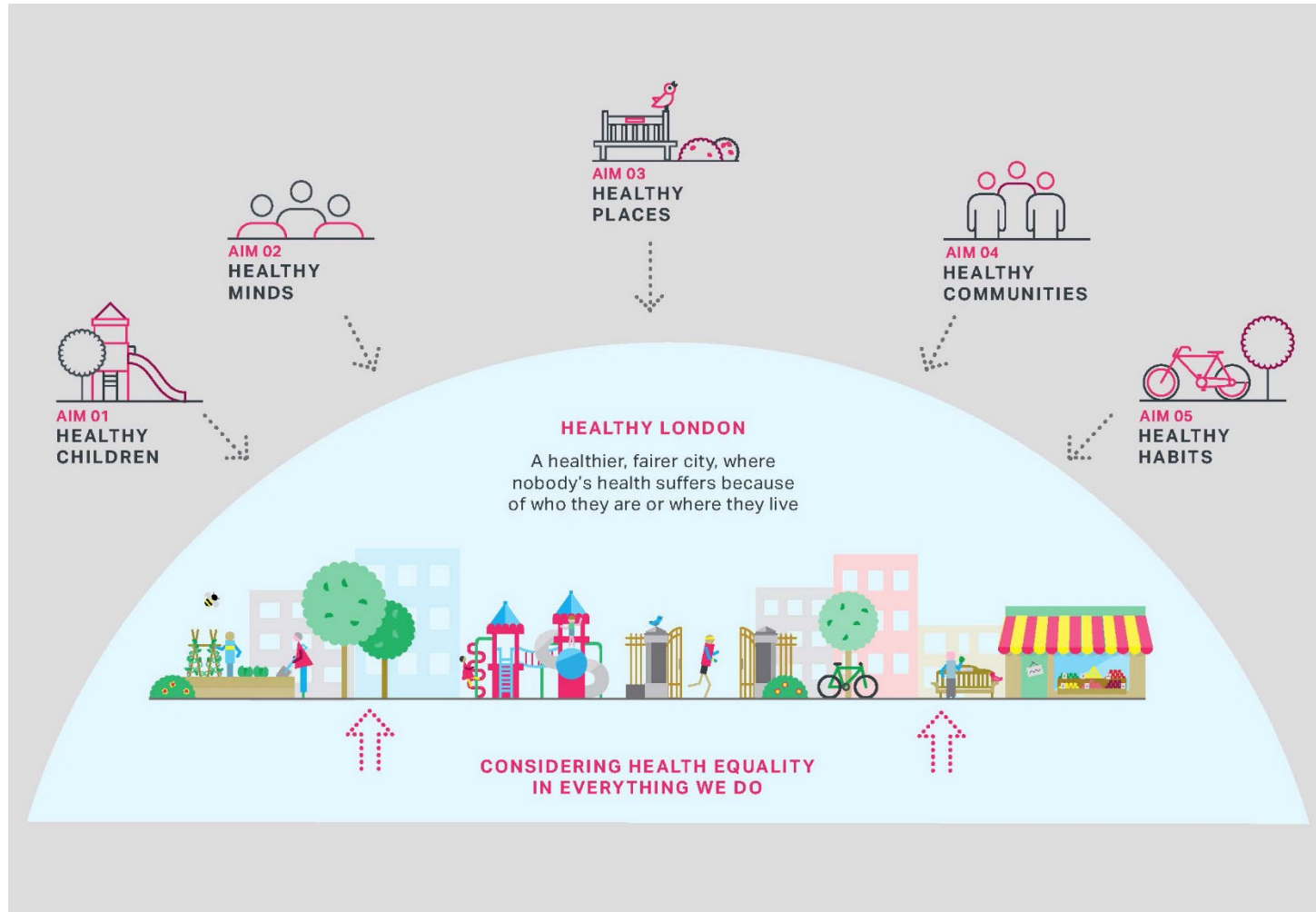


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# Our Response: London Health Inequalities 2018

*Our actions need to be multi-faceted to address complex problems, at huge scale*





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# Our implementation

## 1. Health in All Policies Approach – The Mayor's Seven Statutory Strategies



## 2. Partnership across the city



## 3. Learning from other cities





## Our learning.

- No learned helplessness please, and move to action not more analysis!
- Solutions that depend entirely on personal behaviour are heroic and will fail in this context
- As in the past, health nowadays is improved by many actions beyond health care.
- Social movements for health that invite people to join in, empower and accelerate progress. But it means ceding control!
- When taking decisions or actions we might not always get an answer to “Does it work?” But the question should be “Does it help?” And..... “For whom?”



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Additional slide.

# We have used the leverage of the Mayor to spot opportunities for health in city policies

