

Developing a new Southwark Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS)

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In June 2021 the Health and Wellbeing Board agreed the priority areas for the new JHWS

PRIORITIES

Ensure the best start in life for every child

Includes maternal health, infant mortality. early years health & development

Enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives

Includes education, skills & training, youth justice

Create fair employment and good work for all

Includes employment, the quality & security of employment, healthy workplaces

Ensure a healthy standard of living for all

Includes multiple deprivation, poverty, debt, food insecurity, fuel poverty

Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities

Includes housing, planning & the built environment, air quality, social cohesion

Strengthen the role and impact of ill health prevention

Includes healthy lifestyles, mental ill-health, screening & preventative programmes

Integration of health and social care

There are a number of principles that underpin and guide the new approach to health inequalities

PRINCIPLES

1. Lifecourse consideration

A diverse range of factors and behaviours interplay and cluster over the lifespan to impact a person's health. We will consider the critical stages, transitions and settings where large differences can be made in promoting or restoring health from preconception and early years to aging well.

2. Targeted services

We will target services and support to communities who need it most and specific population groups with the highest needs and who face challenges including perceptions and experience of discrimination, in accessing services.

3. Community empowerment and co-production

We will work in partnership with our communities to develop and implement this framework.

Strengthening how we monitor and evaluate equity within services and programmes is an enabler for all this work

ENABLER

Improving our approach to data collection and equity monitoring and evaluation of our programmes and services is a key enabler for work under all the priorities. This could include:

- Collecting **better data on protected characteristics** through our services and programmes to better understand need and monitor outcomes for different groups.
- Develop a long-term, structured **programme of engagement** building on COVID-19 impacts and Southwark Stands Together engagement to collect qualitative information from our communities to inform our inequalities work.
- Develop a more **strategic approach to Joint Strategic Needs Assessment development** across the council and the wider system.

The JHWS is developing in a number of different areas and could be seen as an ongoing process

AREAS OF WORK

The current approach sees the JHWS as a “live” document rather than one that will be fixed. Work is being done across three main areas:

Shaping objectives under the priority areas

Data, outcomes, and monitoring

Changing the way we work with communities

Developing objectives allows for there to be more detail under each broad priority area

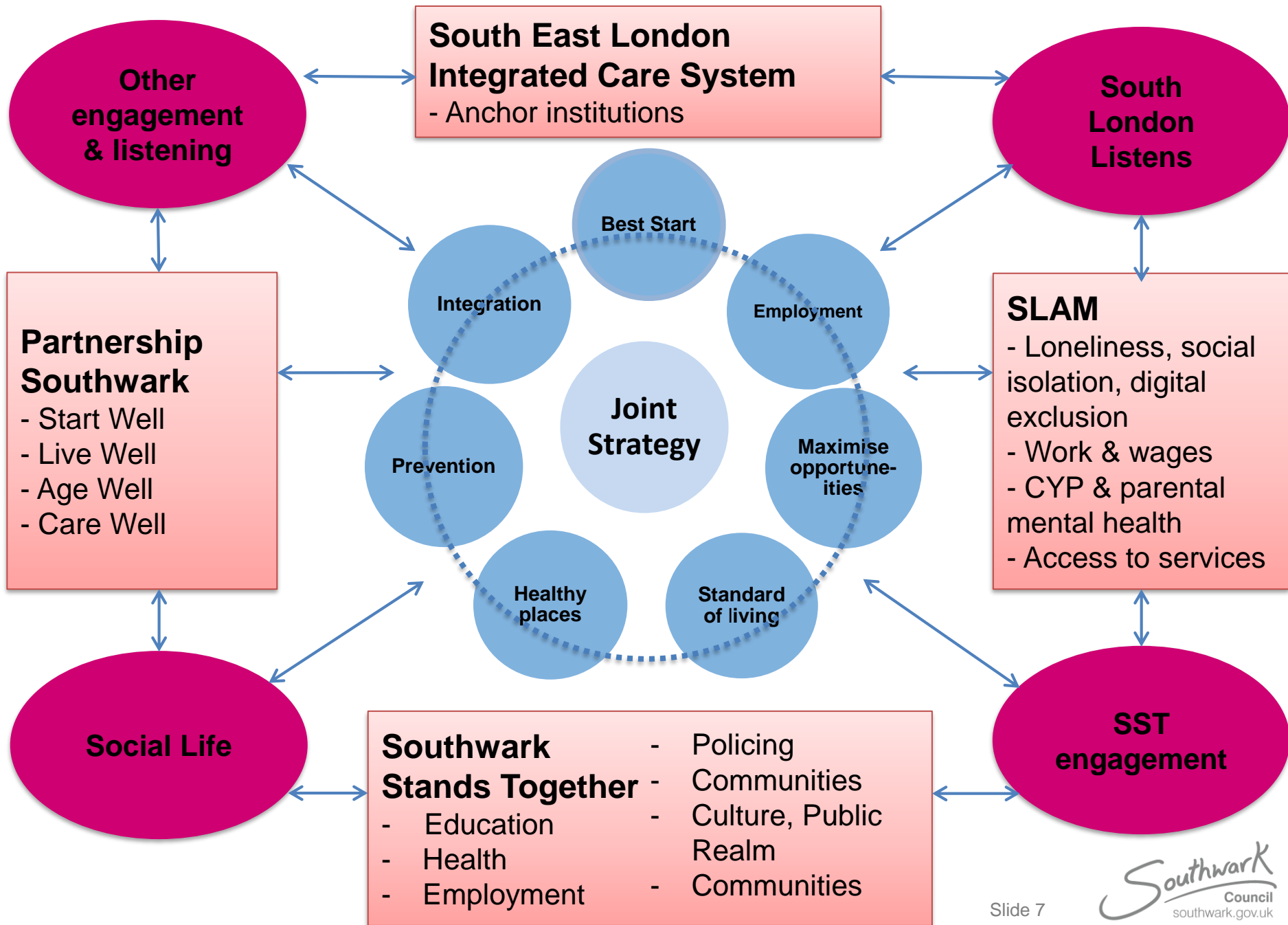
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Shaping objectives under the priority areas

The current approach aims to:

- Use results of engagement and listening carried out with residents and communities over the past 18 months to shape objectives.
- Work through Partnership Southwark to get input from across the system in order to develop the objectives.
- Focus on linking to existing work and identifying additional opportunities for partnership working.

Priority area	Examples of areas for objectives
Enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives	Reducing inequalities in educational attainment
	Improving opportunities for young people including in higher education and employment
	Involving young people in local decision-making



Developing a framework and approach to outcomes monitoring is important for tracking progress

AREAS OF WORK

Data, outcomes, and monitoring

The current approach aims to:

- Develop an outcomes monitoring framework that can be used as a high-level overview.
- Consider how we can better collect and use data at the sub-borough level.
- Plan ways to use outcomes and monitoring to support oversight and governance by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Explore other sources of data, information, and feedback.

The JHWS is an opportunity to improve our ways of working and to start to rebuild trust

AREAS OF WORK

Changing the way we work with communities

The current approach aims to:

- Plan to feed back to residents and communities to refine objectives.
- Develop the approach beyond this and work with communities to generate key actions from the strategy, co-produce solutions, and set up longer term processes for listening and feeding back.
- Draw on concepts such as community power.
- Work on ways to rebuild trust between communities and statutory organisations.

The JHWS approach continues to develop and the aim is to involve all partners in this process

DISCUSSION

Potential questions for discussion are listed below but all comments and questions are welcomed.

- Given the breadth of scope of the different priority areas, how might governance and accountability need to be different for each?
- How can we challenge ourselves as a system to meet the priority areas? Should this include targets for each priority area?
- Are there opportunities that are being missed with the current approach?

JHWS priority areas
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