

THEME 5: Reduce health inequalities

1) CURRENT STATE

- 18.6% of children live in low income families (2016)
- 6.9% of 16-17 year olds not in education, employment or training (2018)
- Mortality rates are significantly higher in males than in females. There is considerable variation in mortality rate by area (ward)
- Life expectancy is highest in Cuxton and Halling (85.7 years), and lowest in Chatham Central (77.3 years). This gap in life expectancy has increased over the last six years, from 5.1 years to 8.4 years. This is due to life expectancy increasing in Cuxton and Halling, and falling in Chatham Central. (2015 - 2019)

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3) FUTURE STATE

- Medway is a place where health and wellbeing outcomes are not determined by the area in which people live
- Key outcomes, including school readiness, are the same across Medway
- The way services are implemented means there is little variation in outcomes across Medway
- There is little variation in healthy life expectancy
- Families are provided with early help if they need it

2) BACKGROUND

- In Medway rates of long-term illness, emergency hospital admissions and death are higher in those who are more disadvantaged.
- Health outcomes are not only worse in those who are the most disadvantaged; the inequalities follow a gradient and as such the response also needs to follow a gradient. This means that health and social care provisions need to be made available to all, with increasing effort needed for those who are increasingly disadvantaged.
- “Fair Society, Healthy Lives: Strategic Review of Health Inequalities in England post 2010” (Marmot Review) focuses largely on the social determinants of health and is based around six key policy recommendations for the most effective ways to reduce the health inequalities gap. These policy recommendations are woven into the JHWS and are as follows: give every child the best start in life; enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives; create fair employment and good work for all; ensure a healthy standard of living for all; create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities and strengthen the role and impact of ill health prevention.

4) How will we collaborate to create this future state, in the context of the Integrated Care System, Integrated Care Partnership (Medway and Swale) and Primary Care Networks?