
Bath & North East Somerset Council

Improving People's Lives

B&NES Joint Health and
Wellbeing Strategy 2023-2030

Our health and wellbeing strategy 2023-2030

Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy is about how we put in place the best conditions for people of all ages to live healthy and fulfilling lives.

Everyone has a stake in creating B&NES as an area that does its very best for its people, and this strategy sets a direction for how we will do this.

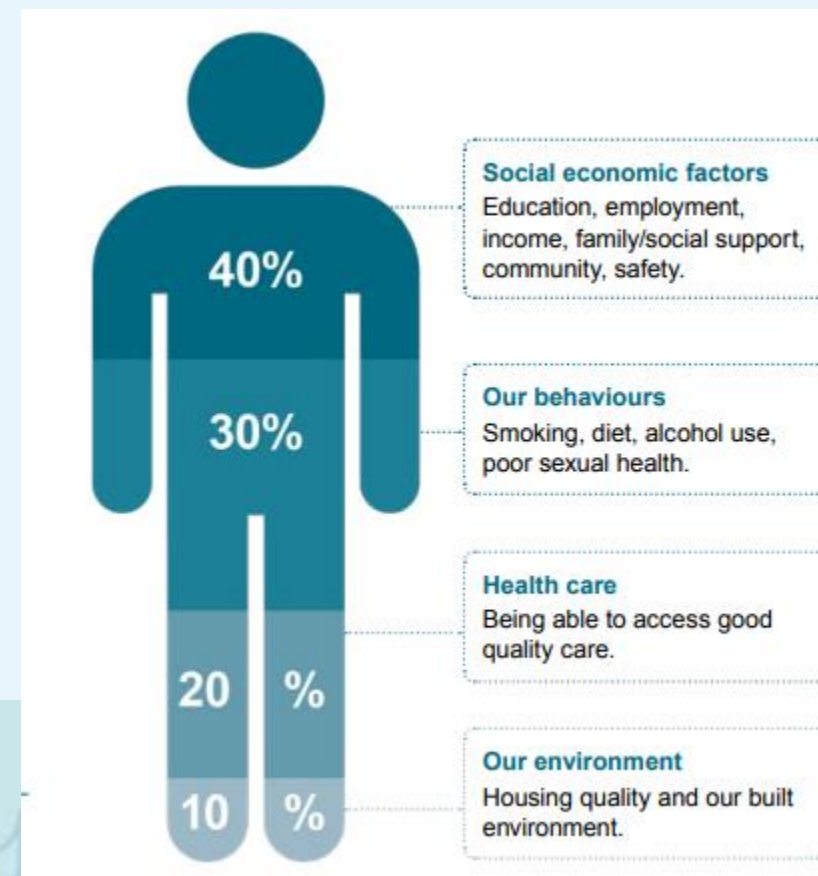
It links with existing and developing local and BSW strategies.



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2022 to 2042: Launch
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What influences our health and wellbeing?



Data shows that our health and wellbeing in B&NES is generally good in comparison to England but...

There are increasing needs that impact on our health and wellbeing:

- Demand for social housing outstrips supply, **quality** and **affordability** continue to be a challenge in B&NES.
- Increasing numbers of **children and young people receiving support for social, emotional and mental health needs**. This is similar to national trends.
- Pressures on health and social care system have caused challenges with access to health and social care services.

And unfair outcomes for different groups of people:

- People in some areas are dying earlier than they should, the **difference in life expectancy** between our most deprived and least deprived areas is **11 years for women** and **7 years for men**
- Children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and those with Special Educational Needs/Disabilities (SEND) are doing less well in school. This disadvantage starts at the early years phase and remains across all educational stages.
- **Low wages** in B&NES have a direct impact on the health and wellbeing outcomes of the individuals that earn them and their families.

What we'll do

Together we will address inequalities in Bath and North East Somerset so people have the best start in life, live well and age well in caring, compassionate communities, and in places that make it easier to physically and emotionally healthy lives.

Core outcome:

To improve the health and wellbeing of all our residents and reduce inequalities.

Our priorities:

1 Ensure that children and young people are healthy and ready for learning and education



2 Improve skills, good work and employment



3 Strengthen compassionate and healthy communities



4 Create health promoting places



The principles that underpin everything we do

> Tackle inequalities

> Adapt and build resilience to climate change

> Share responsibility and engage for change

> Deliver for all life stages



How will we know if it's making a difference?

We are developing a set of indicators which will tell us if the work that we are doing is leading to the changes we need to see happen, amongst others these will include:

- Healthy life expectancy
- Inequality in life expectancy
- Gaps in school readiness
- Smoking prevalence amongst adults
- Housing health and safety rating standards

Where can I find out more about the strategy?

<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/neighbourhoods-and-community-safety/working-partnership/health-and-wellbeing-board>

