

# WHOLE SYSTEMS APPROACH TO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

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# Improving Health & Wellbeing in Cheshire & Merseyside





**Cheshire & Merseyside Physical Activity Strategy** being developed that will aim to help 150,000 more inactive people be more physically active by 2026.



Creating an Active Wirral, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy launched in 2022 to make sport and physical activity part of everyone's everyday life.









### THE VISION IS:

# TO MAKE SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PART OF EVERYONE'S EVERYDAY LIFE.





# STRATEGIC OVERVIEW

### **ACTIVE PEOPLE**



To provide opportunities for all Wirral residents to be more active.

### **ACTIVE PARTNERSHIPS**



To build partnerships and collaborations that provide inclusive activities for all.

### **ACTIVE SPACES AND PLACES**



Influence place-shaping to ensure a network of high quality and accessible spaces that make it easier for people to be active.

### **ACTIVE FACILTIES**



To create accessible, affordable, environmentally sustainable facilities offering a quality experience and environment that encourages Wirral residents to be more active, more often.





# ACTIVE PEOPLE

### FAMILIES AND CHILDREN:

The Sport and Physical Activity Strategy is aligned with the emerging Early Years Strategy, to focus on making Wirral great for all, including children, young people, and their families, driven by their voice, wants and needs. Over the last 10 years, Wirral's deprivation rates have increased at a rapid rate, with 35% of its population living in deprived areas. This figure increases in Wirral's most deprived wards, with child poverty being as high as 45% in Birkenhead and Tranmere, Bidston and St. James, Seacombe and Rock Ferry, where at least 1 in 3 young people live in poverty.

# RESIDENTS LIVING WITH A LONG-TERM CONDITION OR DISABILITY:

There are approximately, 72,000 residents over the ages of 16 living in Wirral with a long-term limiting illness, which accounts for 23% of residents in comparison to England's national average of 13%. Despite this number being higher than the national average, the number of residents with long term illnesses and conditions continues to grow, with the most common being; respiratory diseases, mental health, cancer and cardiovascular disease. In Wirral, the spread of health deprivation and disability is vast, and there is a great difference between two wards on opposing sides of the Borough, with a particular area in Birkenhead, being ranked as England's 2nd worst area for health deprivation and disability.

# RESIDENTS LIVING IN POVERTY:

Approximately 35% of Wirral's residents reside in an area of deprivation, and over 25% of residents live in the 10 most deprived communities in England. Poverty is something that affects all areas of the Borough, affecting on average 13.4% of Wirral residents compared to England's national average of 11.8%. However, the disparity of wealth between the east and west sides of the Borough, means that in some cases, poverty levels can be as low as 5.9% in Heswall, and as high as 34.5% in Birkenhead and Tranmere, with an average of nearly 30% in the 5 most deprived wards in Wirral.

## WOMEN AND GIRLS:

Girls in Wirral are less active than their male counterparts with 51.8% of boys and only 35.2% of girls classified as active in the most recent Sport England Active Lives survey. When it comes to adulthood, the number of active women and men are equal. As a result, we would like to better understand and make efforts to reduce this activity gap in girls' participation.



## AMBITION - TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL WIRRAL RESIDENTS TO BE MORE ACTIVE

# WE WILL DO THIS BY:

- Developing opportunities for Wirral residents to move more.
- Better understanding and engaging with groups with the highest identified needs to codesign opportunities that are right for them.
- 3. Continuously reviewing our offer to ensure that it remains exciting and attractive to a broad cross-section of users.
- Encouraging positive behavioural change and increased activity through targeted interventions.
- Maximising income to fund initiatives that address highest identified priorities.

# WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE:

- Support a decrease in the number of physically inactive residents, with a particular focus on underrepresented groups families and children, residents with long term health conditions and disabilities, women and girls and residents living in deprived areas. As well as retaining the number of physically active residents.
- Support children and young people to ensure that they have the best start possible, so they can achieve their ambitions. To encourage regular participation and increase their enjoyment in physical activity to reduce childhood obesity levels, and support their general wellbeing, providing them with the necessary life skills to be the best that they can be.
- Better health and social outcomes for our residents through sport and physical activity.



### **Current Position**

### Opportunity to develop a joined up approach

- ✓ Whole systems approach
- ✓ Partnerships and relationships
- ✓ Senior Leadership buy in

### Investment in physical activity

- ✓ Shift from disparate funding to a coordinated approach
- ✓ Place based solutions insight driven, coproduced and person-centered

### Benefits

- ✓ Local Plan
- ✓ Multi-agency

### Agreement in approach

- ✓ Doing things differently
- ✓ Multi-agency
- ✓ Innovation





# Approach



Whole systems approach to physical activity recognising that leadership is at all levels.



Making physical activity a priority at Integrated Care System (ICS) level means it then appears throughout the system and with other regional bodies.



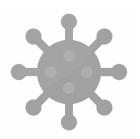
Building long-term high quality personal relationships & trust are key factors in enabling system leadership on physical activity.



Local authorities & Active Partnerships can play a key role in supporting NHS engagement.



Engagement with & championing of physical activity by clinicians & within clinical pathways can be a highly effective way of engaging NHS staff in promoting physical activity & developing their role in whole system approaches.



Opportunity to build on focus of promotion of physical activity for good physical and mental health during COVID-19, building on the approach to providing consistent messages & engage the NHS in whole systems working on physical activity.





# Opportunities for Action

### **For ICSs**

• Ensure that population health and population health management programmes recognise the important role of physical activity as a key part of a holistic approach and facilitate a joined-up approach to embedding physical activity in commissioning plans.

### For CCGs and NHS trusts

• Ensure physical activity is integral to place-based health and wellbeing strategies, working with wider partnership bodies led by local authorities.

### For those at neighbourhood or PCN level

• Ensure that community health services are supported to integrate the promotion of physical activity into clinical and social care via social prescribing, workplace health promotion and community engagement

### For local authorities and health and wellbeing boards (linking with Active Partnerships)

• Align and connect physical activity with obesity whole systems approaches at local level and seek to engage all NHS organisations (in particular NHS trusts) in a shared vision for physical activity.





# Barriers to engaging the NHS

Capacity

NHS culture

Engaging the acute sector

Oifficulty in demonstrating quantifiable impact in the short to medium term

- Difficulty in seeing opportunities for innovation that do not involve significant new resources
- Maintaining long term partnership relationships at a time of organisational change and staff turnover
- The whole systems concept and terminology may not always be recognised or seen as relevant by those in NHS





# Enablers for engaging the NHS

Recognising and facilitating shared system leadership

Key individual or core team championing the whole systems approach

Key facilitation role for public health across the system

Taking time to build relationships and develop shared vision

Utilising system mapping

Development support for systems leadership

Balancing senior buy-in with working with enthusiasts





# Physical Activity Offer

### **Population Wide**















### **Targeted Interventions**

Borough Wide Physical Activity Referral Scheme | Referral Programmes

### **Active INNOV8TION Hub**

Innovation programme for neighbourhood-based piloting

Governance – partnership

Awareness – consistent narrative, things to do

**COLLABOR8 - The Active Collective** 

EDUC8 - training and education





# A multi-level approach to PA for adult priority groups

Level 3

### **Community Providers**

Validated external PA providers with tailored programmes for inactive individuals.
e.g. Parkrun, Couch 2 5K,

Beat the Street

### **INVIGOR8**

Borough Wide INVIGOR8 offer for PA referral populations.

Group activities e.g. low impact circuits, Zumba, walking, volunteers

### **Local Environment**

Access to outdoor PA.

Parks, walking and cycling
routes



Level 2

Borough wide PA referral scheme that includes 1-to-1 behaviour change support from qualified ER instructors



Making PA a priority in primary and secondary care

(e.g. GPs, physios, cardiac, cancer, pulmonary, mental health)



# ACTIVE WIRRAL

STRONGER HEALTHIER HAPPIER



I really like this campaign – its has a lot of familiar faces which gives a brilliant community feel.































Tell you what, the new website and design is class





2863 Total players



58% Of Inactive adults



38,794

Miles were travelled



38% Of less active children became active

### Demographics

Age: 50% of players were adults and 50% were children.

Gender: 74% of adults were female.

Ethnicity: 96% were of white ethnic background.

Long-term Medical Condition: 26% had a long-term medical condition.

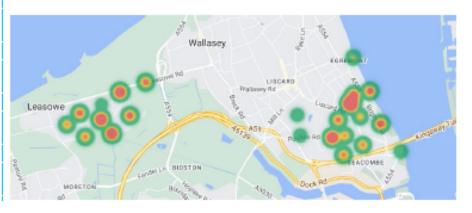
Disability: 9% had a disability.

Level of Deprivation: 90% were living in the 20% most deprived areas, whereas 94% were living in the 40% most deprived areas.

### Movement Data

Throughout the 4- week game, 89,339 taps were recorded on Beat Boxes and 38,794 miles were travelled – an average of 14 miles per person.

The heatmap (below) shows there was high engagement with Beat Boxes across Moreton East. Leasowe and Seacombe.



### Qualitative Feedback from Children

110 children provided qualitative feedback post-game. These responses suggested children had become more physically active and more connected to each other and the local area.

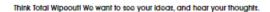
"It made us want to walk instead of being in as it was fun to do" – Boy, under 12 "Encouraged us to get out more as a family, walking and cycling." – Boy, under 12 "We went for family walks before and after school and on the weekend." – Boy, under 12 "We went longer way to school and for more walks than we used to so we could play the game" – Girl, under

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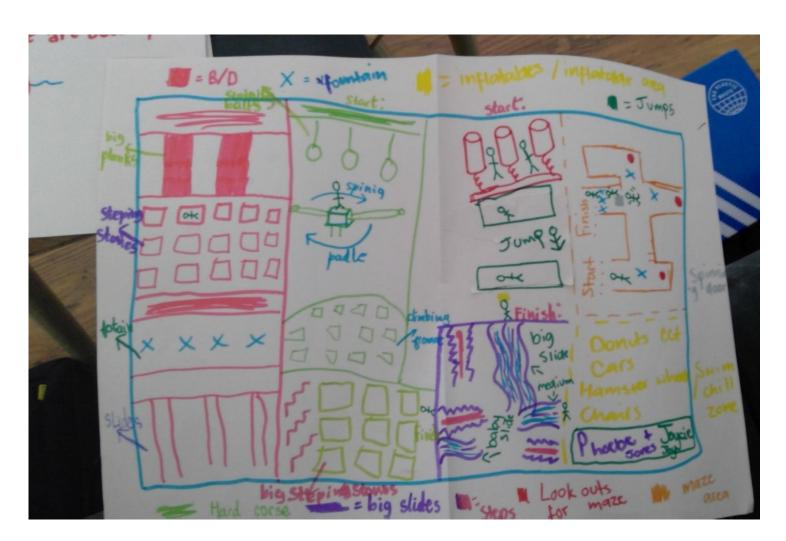
# Total Wipeout style obstacle course coming to Europa Pools. Help us design it!



Today Wirral Active and ZILLO are asking you to help us to design Wirral's brand new inflatable obstacle course coming soon to Europa Pools.



For two weeks we are looking for young people to submit their inflatable design ideas.

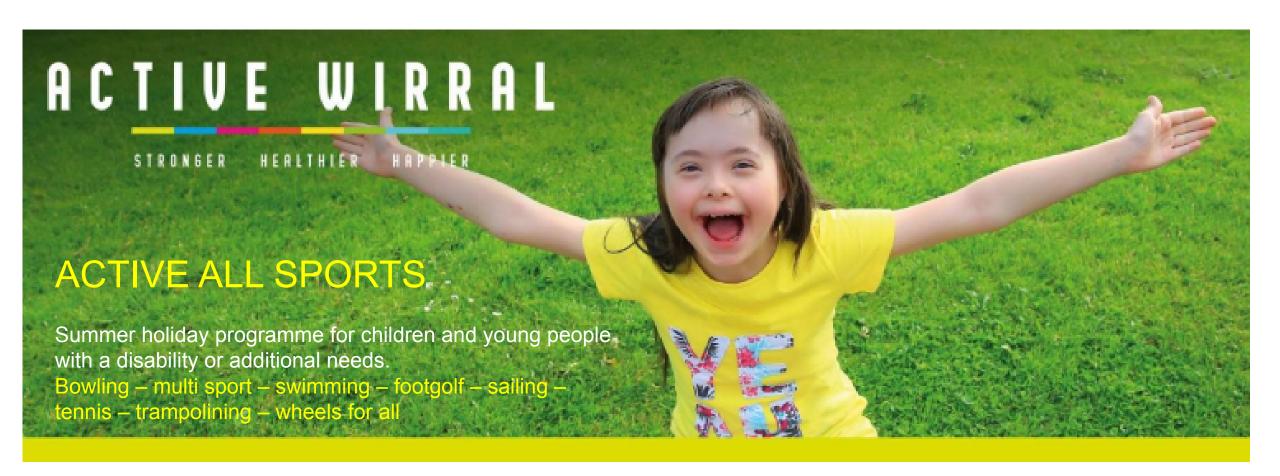


















# WORKING TOGETHER AND NEXT STEPS

