

NHS Part Funds 20mph Limits for Liverpool in Landmark Public Health Collaboration

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This ground-breaking deal confirms joint Local Authority and public health responsibility for roads. 20mph speed limits cost effectively prevent injury and promote healthy lifestyles.

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Liverpool City Council and PCT are working together for the good of their communities. The PCT is paying 40% - £665k of £1.665m – of funding jointly allocated to road danger reduction through 20 mph limits.

Recognising the benefits of preventing road deaths, injuries and transport-related illness, £400,000 (28.5%) has been allocated from PCT budgets toward the £1.4m anticipated cost of the council programme to implement 20mph signed-only limits over the next four years.

In addition, the PCT are paying £265,000 for a programme of perception surveys and community engagement work on slower speeds. Extensive public health promotion on 20 mph limits is new territory where Liverpool's public authorities are leading the way.

31 per cent of residential roads in Liverpool currently have 20mph speed limits. Plans extend this by a further 39 per cent – 587km of roads to a total of 70% of all roads.

Paula Grey, Director of Public Health for Liverpool, said:-

"We know that cutting speed can save lives, as well as making our neighbourhoods much more pleasant places to live. And by making roads safer we create more opportunities for people to use greener forms of transport – such as cycling and walking – which are also better for their health."

20's Plenty for Us Founder and Campaign Director Rod King said :-

"We believe that implementing wide area 20mph limits in this manner will become an exemplar of how organisations can pool their funding and expertise to benefit their communities with better health, road danger reduction and increased quality of life. Its an example of the joined up thinking and action that that can not only make our cities and villages better places to be, but also reap financial dividends through reduced health care costs.

Liverpool are giving people a real choice in how they travel by removing the fear of fast traffic from community streets. For our part we have been pleased at how responsive both organisations have been to the discussions that 20's Plenty for Us and our local campaigners have had with them."

Join 20's Plenty for Us in support of wide area 20mph limits without humps.

20's Plenty For Us campaigns for a 20mph default speed limit in residential streets without physical calming. www.20splentyforus.org.uk To find out more then please contact us:-

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