



## Supporting healthy, happy and sustainable communities

Whilst people are living longer lives, Londoners are spending more of their years living in poorer physical and mental health. London is a busy working city, but our communities are at risk of becoming increasingly unlivable.

With London growing older, so are the pressures on the NHS and councils to deliver health and social care.

Chronic underinvestment in the NHS continues to threaten the long term future of Ealing hospital. With its maternity centre and children's ward already closed, our blue-light A&E is next on the Government's hit list.

Despite the promise of investment in community services, little has materialised. At the same time the government are now trying to do across the country what they have already done to us in West London.

The mask of the so called "sustainability and transformation plans" is slipping, revealing yet more programmes of cuts and closures.

The £180 million cut from our budget means that it is increasingly difficult not only to provide care to our older residents, but to support our most vulnerable children too.

The government's continued desire to pursue ideology in education, alongside cuts to funding, continues to put our schools at risk of academisation. The return of Grammar Schools could well see a return to regressive selection in education.

Despite these challenges, Ealing Labour in power at Town Hall has worked hard to deliver good and outstanding schools, expanding them to deliver more classes for our growing number of young people.

We are working hard to get people from all ages more active, investing in our parks and

in our sports facilities. We're negotiating hard with Government and the NHS to ensure we can deliver great care for our older people now and well into the future.

### What we've achieved

- Supported older people at home, reducing avoidable admissions to hospital by more than 600 per year, and reduced the time spent unnecessarily in hospital by 10%.
- Created Dementia, and Mental Health Champions
- Delivered high standards for our schools with 94% of primaries and 100% of secondaries being good or outstanding
- Expanded our schools to deliver 1,061 new class places.
- Worked intensively with families to reduce the number of children having to enter care by 50%, and increased the number of foster carers being recruited by 33%.
- Increased the number of Green Flag accredited parks from 9 to 18..
- Encouraged active lifestyles through investing £3.5m in cycling, delivering the rebuilding of Acton, Northolt and Gurnell leisure centres
- Worked closely with the police reduce crime and antisocial behaviour by 28%.
- Accepted and are supporting 39 unaccompanied minors, refugees from war torn parts of the world.



We've already got a sense of what the challenges ahead are, and have started to think about how we're going to tackle them:

With the election of a Labour Mayor, we know that we will get the support we need from Sadiq Khan to help Ealing Labour deliver change locally:



### Protecting our NHS

We won't back down from saving Ealing's blue light A&E, and protecting our NHS into the future. We're committed to fighting the Government in the courts if we need to. Through encouraging healthy lifestyles, we'll also do our part to reduce pressure on NHS services.

### Delivering high quality schools

We're continuing to invest in improving our schools, and working to ensure we keep all 77 Ealing schools Keeping them within the Ealing schools family.

### Securing the care sector

By supporting people to stay in their own homes we're ensuring people remain independent for longer, and we're working to deliver new alternatives to costly and private residential care services.

### Tackling climate change locally

Through ensuring our buildings and our vehicles are more environmentally friendly and encouraging more clean energy sources, we're reducing our carbon footprint.

### Tackling Polluted Air

Sadiq has made tackling London's filthy air one of his early ambitions. With road traffic the biggest cause of bad air, he is already working on a higher charge for the worst polluting cars entering the city. Through investing in clean technology, the Mayor is ensuring London's next generation of taxis and public transport produce zero emissions.

### Building community confidence in the police again

By making the Metropolitan Police better reflect our communities; the Mayor has pledged to ensure London's police work *with* Londoners. He has already sold the former Mayor's ill-thought-through water cannons, and has invested in projects with young people in a bid to reduce knife crime.

### Questions:

- What could we do to improve our collective physical and mental health well into the future?
- How could we improve support for older people?
- What more could we do to enhance education and services for young people?
- What else should we be prioritising?

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