



Faculty of Public Health

Of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom

Working to improve the public's health

Greater London Authority
City Hall
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Dear Sir or Madam,

RE: UK Faculty of Public Health response to the Mayor of London A City for All Londoners

About the UK Faculty of Public Health

The UK Faculty of Public Health (FPH) is committed to improving and protecting people's mental and physical health and wellbeing. FPH is a joint faculty of the three Royal Colleges of Public Health Physicians of the United Kingdom (London, Edinburgh and Glasgow). Our vision is for better health for all, where people are able to achieve their fullest potential for a healthy, fulfilling life through a fair and equitable society. We work to promote understanding and to drive improvements in public health policy and practice.

As the leading professional body for public health specialists in the UK, our members are trained to the highest possible standards of public health competence and practice – as set by FPH. With 3,900 members based in the UK and internationally we work to develop knowledge and understanding and to promote excellence in the field of public health. For more than 40 years we have been at the forefront of developing and expanding the public health workforce and profession.

FPH is delighted with the Mayor's recognition that transport is one of the most significant and effective ways that he can improve the health of all Londoners. We welcome his strong focus on making it easier and more pleasant for people to walk and cycle by improving conditions for pedestrians and cyclists and reducing the dominance of motor vehicles. Active travel is the main way that Londoners get their physical activity; many more Londoners need to walk and cycle more to benefit their health.

FPH has long admired Transport for London's international lead in acknowledging the health impacts of transport and their stated commitment to improving health and wellbeing a part of their remit. We strongly support you in implementing these stated aims by taking the Healthy Streets approach. This will make London a more liveable city, as well as improving everyone's health and reducing inequalities.

FPH would draw the Mayor's attention to FPH's recent publication 'Local action to mitigate the health impacts of cars' which provides practical, evidence based advice to help local authorities design towns and cities that encourage active transport.¹ We feel this document provides a solid blueprint that will aid the Mayor in his efforts to improve the health and wellbeing of Londoners through active travel and reduced motor vehicle use.

If you require any further information, please do contact Femi Biyibi, FPH's Policy Officer – femibiyibi@fph.org.uk.

¹ UK Faculty of Public Health, Local action to mitigate the health impact of cars, 2016, <http://bit.ly/29xTNnD>