## Welcome to the Coventry and Warwickshire Workplace Wellbeing Forum

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## Wellbeing for Life: Health in Warwickshire and Coventry

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## What is good health

- Good health is not just about healthcare or long term illnesses although recognising actions to prevent illness is important strand.
- Good health includes mental wellbeing
- Good health gives people the capacity and ability to do things be socially active, enjoy hobbies, maintain a job & generally all of the things that people do to feel satisfied in life

## How do we measure the health of populations?

- Healthy Life Expectancy is one way we can use to see how healthy groups of people are
- It describes the <u>average age</u> that someone might expect to live in good health
- Earlier onset of chronic illnesses and the more people living with long term conditions will lead to lower healthy life expectancies.
- Poor mental health and musculoskeletal conditions also contribute significantly

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#### Best Warwickshire



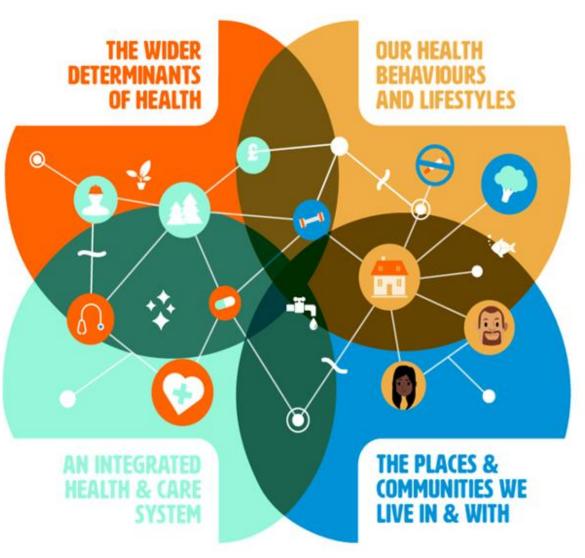
#### What is the difference between Wokingham and Nottingham



## What influences good health....

Wider determinants of health, such as income, wealth, education, housing, transport and leisure are the most important driver of health.

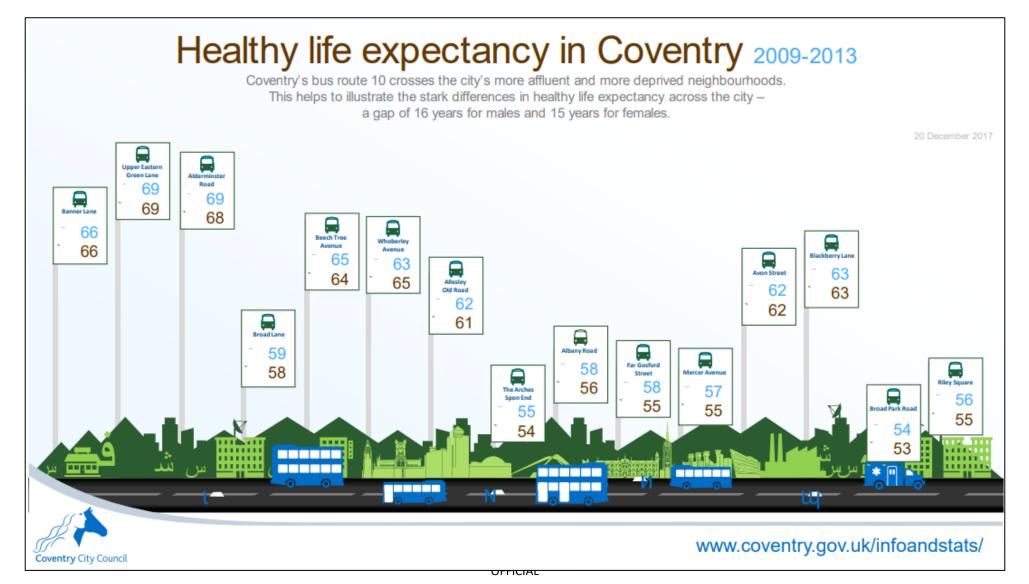
Joining up services to support the needs of our patients, especially those with long-term conditions.



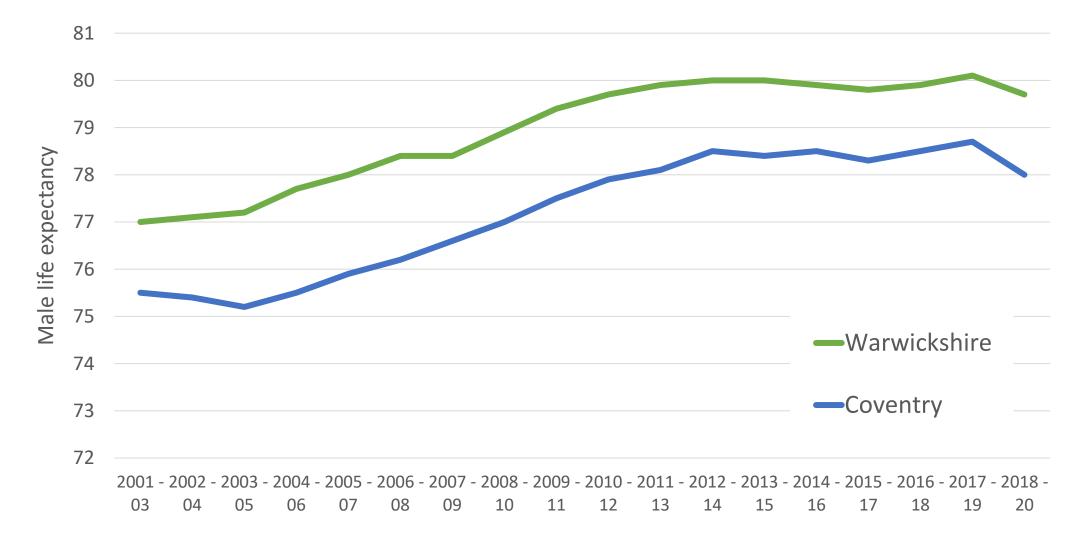
Our health behaviours and lifestyles are another important driver of health and include smoking, drinking alcohol, diet and exercise.

The local environment is an important influence on our health behaviours, and social relationships and community networks impact on mental health.

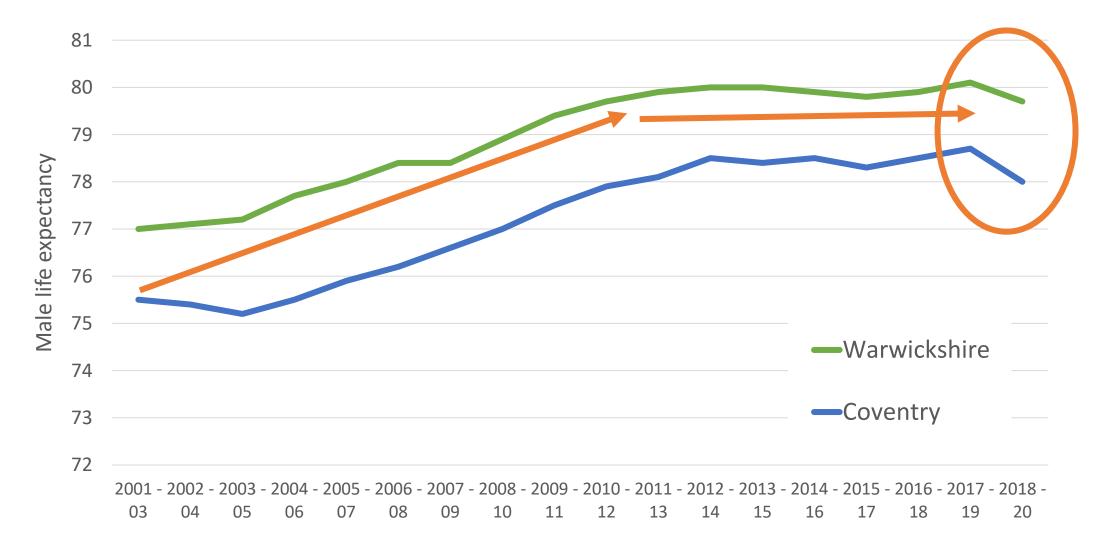
## There are inequalities inside our local area too



## We have a problem....



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## Impacts of the pandemic

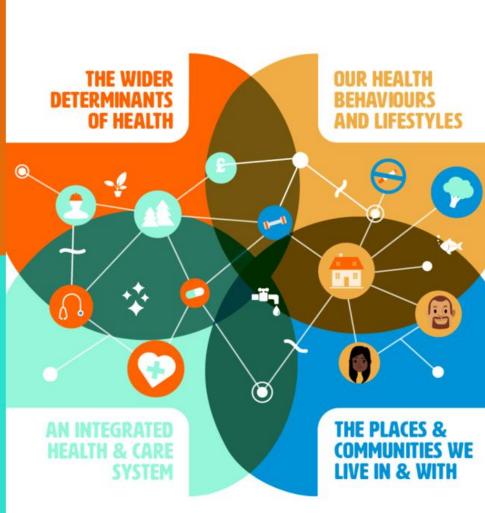
- Felt much more deeply in more deprived areas and amongst communities that are diverse
- Traumatic more people with poor mental wellbeing
- Changes in habits less physical activity, more drinking at home
- Impacted on family life unemployment and children's education
- All of this is connected!

## So what can we do....

- The point of today
- These population health challenges are reflected in our workforce or people who could be joining it
- A healthy workforce is a productive one true whether we are thinking about economic growth or a business

## Seeing the bigger picture... e.g. mental health

- School/work environment
- Housing security & conditions
- Physical security
- Poverty/financial instability
- Employment &/ lifelong learning opportunities
- Bullying, harassment, abuse
- Affordable, accessible, and active travel
- Community & leisure facilities, green spaces
- Inequalities
- Awareness, recognition & response by practitioner
- Timely access to support
- Accessible services
- Quality services and interventions
- Prevention and early intervention
- Equitable service provision
- Opportunities for co-production



- Alcohol & drugs (individual & family impacts)
- Physical activity
- Social media
- Sleep habits
- Smoking
- Sexual health
- Diet
- Awareness of signs of poor mental health, self-help & helpseeking behaviour
- Social networks
- Inclusive communities
- Individual & community resilience
- Home environment & relationships
- Community safety
- Stigma & discrimination
- Experiencing trauma or abuse
- Bereavement

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## Practical first steps...



Wellbeing for Life is an initiative running across Coventry and Warwickshire with the aim to raise the profile of local prevention opportunities and encourage people to be proactive about their own health and wellbeing.

https://www.wellbeing4life.co.uk/wb4lresources

- Utilise the free resources
- Share events and information with your employees
- Use the logo to promote Wellbeing for Life campaigns

#### Signing up to Thrive at Work

https://www.wmca.org.uk/what-we-do/thrive/thrive-at-work/

thrive at work

- Fully funded for workplaces across Coventry & Warwickshire
- Fully supported
- Happier Workforce
- Healthier Workforce
- More Productive Workforce
- Visit the Thrive at Work team at the exhibition for more information

## Slide Break



## Safe and Active Travel in the Workplace

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## **Providing Positive Outcomes**

**Health:** increases physical activity and improve wellbeing

**Transport:** removing car journeys contributes to reduced congestion.

**Environmental:** Reduced car travel means reduced carbon emissions and improved air quality.

**Economic:** Healthier employees are more productive, and personal savings for those who switch.

Social Connection with neighbourhood.







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## **Travel Behaviour Change**

People change their behaviour in response to the world around them, in their understanding of the world and in their own perceptions.

New behaviours need seem:

- More advantageous

- More 'me'

- More prevalent

- More Doable

#### Who is involved in changing behaviour?

Employers: positive messaging, practical support, modelling, providing facilities
Employees: recognise benefits and motivators, make a plan and develop coping mechanisms.
Peers: provide support, modelling desired behaviour.

External Organisations: sources of information, training, modelling and positive messaging.



## **Travel Behaviour Change**







Warwickshire County Council

## **Active Travel**

In a recent survey of 2260 Warwickshire residents, **65%** stated they would prefer to travel more actively if they could.

**40%** would prefer to walk than drive

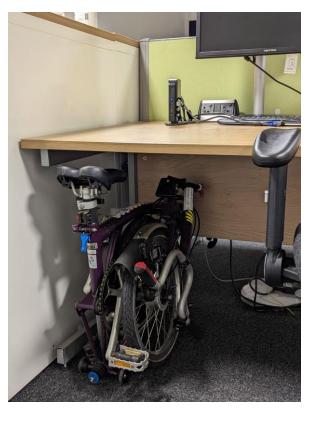


15% would prefer to cycle



**10%** would like to use a Park and Stride





How are you supporting your employees to travel actively?





## Back to Basics – Practical Steps You Can Take

When we asked the question about campaigns to encourage active travel and resources available to those who chose to travel actively, **52%** of respondents said they didn't know about national campaigns, or resources or have information about practical ways to travel actively.

What you can do to help your staff travel actively to work

Get some data

Provide Travel Information

Car Share scheme or Bike buddies

**Practical Support** 

**National Campaigns** 

**Review your policies** 

Map the route to work

**Bike Training and maintenance** 

Workplace Champions



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## Why Have a Travel Plan?

Move away from car dependency

Enhanced Corporate Image

Park & Stride

Reduce absenteeism - staff who walk and cycle to work will be fitter, healthier and more productive

Improve traffic flows

Save money

Increase staff retention – make your workplace more attractive to potential employees



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## Case Study - St Cross Hospital

Research

Site Audit

Survey staff

Be flexible

Collaborate

**Behaviour Change** Gather evidence Timing Events Monitor & Evaluate





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# Shaping the Workplaces of tomorrow

Green







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Hybrid

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Flexible

**Greater transport options** 

## Places to visit

WCC Climate Climate Emergency

https://www.warwickshireclimateemergency.org.uk/

WCC Safe and Active http://www.safeactivetravelwcc.co.uk/

**Sustrans** https://www.sustrans.org.uk/

**Living Streets** https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/

Cycling UK https://www.cyclinguk.org/



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## WORKPLACE WELLBEING: OUR JOURNEY

Jon Fisher CEO, GRS Group



June 2021





### GRS in round numbers

## 800

people

All over the country but most based in our Nuneaton headquarters

## **250**

top track firm

One of the fastest climbers in the Sunday Times Top Track 250 50 locations

We have sites from Newquay to Norfolk, and Essex to Edinburgh

#### 20 million tonnes

Material we trade and transport each year (would fill Wembley 20 times!) 5 core values

Caring, Inspiring, Developing, Excelling with a Can-Do attitude





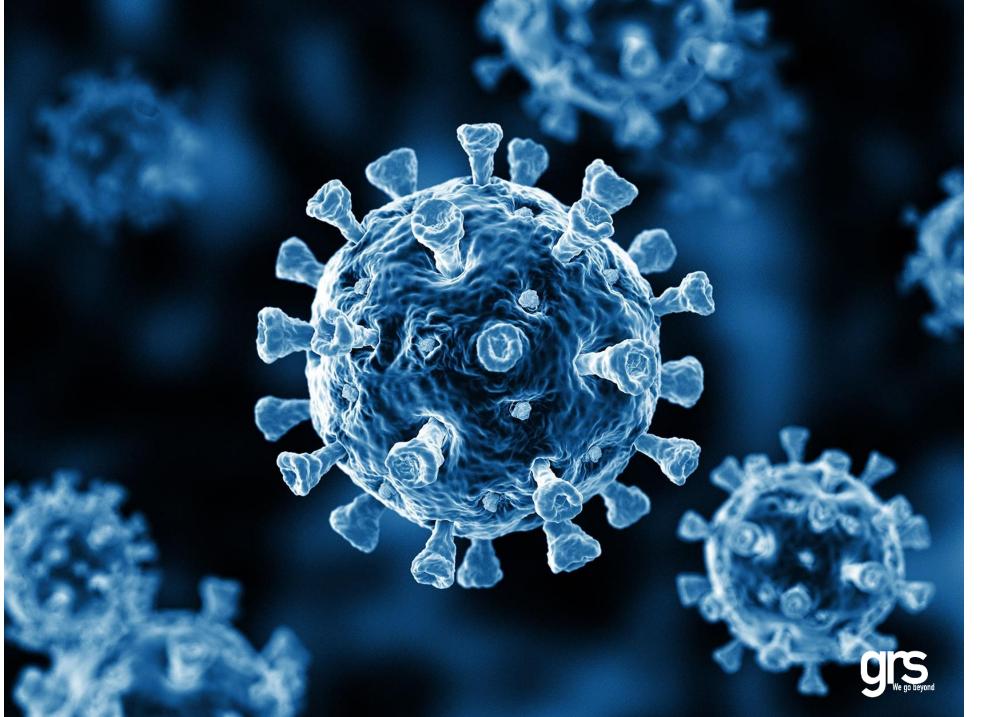
### People are at the heart of everything we do

















## Let's talk!









## Appendices









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## Thank you for attending today For any questions please contact: josouthan@warwickshire.gov.uk

