

Create and Develop Healthy and Sustainable Places and Communities – Living Well

Why is This a Priority in Solihull?

- Community safety and fear of crime (whether founded or not) has a significant impact on peoples everyday lives – 26% of over 65s are afraid to go out after dark.
- 46% of residents indicate a problem with at least one of the eight main listed types of Anti Social Behaviour in their local area.
- In the 12 months to March 2013 there were 12 Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences as part of a coordinated community response to domestic abuse from 198 referrals, of which 65 were repeats. In the same period 253 Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy Service users were supported.
- Access to essential services especially in rural areas can be inequitable across the Borough. New developments provide an opportunity to promote, support and enhance physical and mental health and wellbeing.

What Do We Need to Do in Solihull?

- Increase capacity to support families facing complex issues.
- Address the health needs of those communities often excluded by traditional means and at high risk of poor health.
- Implement evidence based community development programmes in order to strengthen community capacity and cohesion.
- Undertake a comprehensive domestic abuse needs assessment.
- Exploit housing development programme to maximise opportunities for affordable housing, supported housing and improvements to quality of the environment.
- Ensure developments are sustainable and contribute to carbon reduction targets and promote employment.