Improving the health of Londoners: transport action plan

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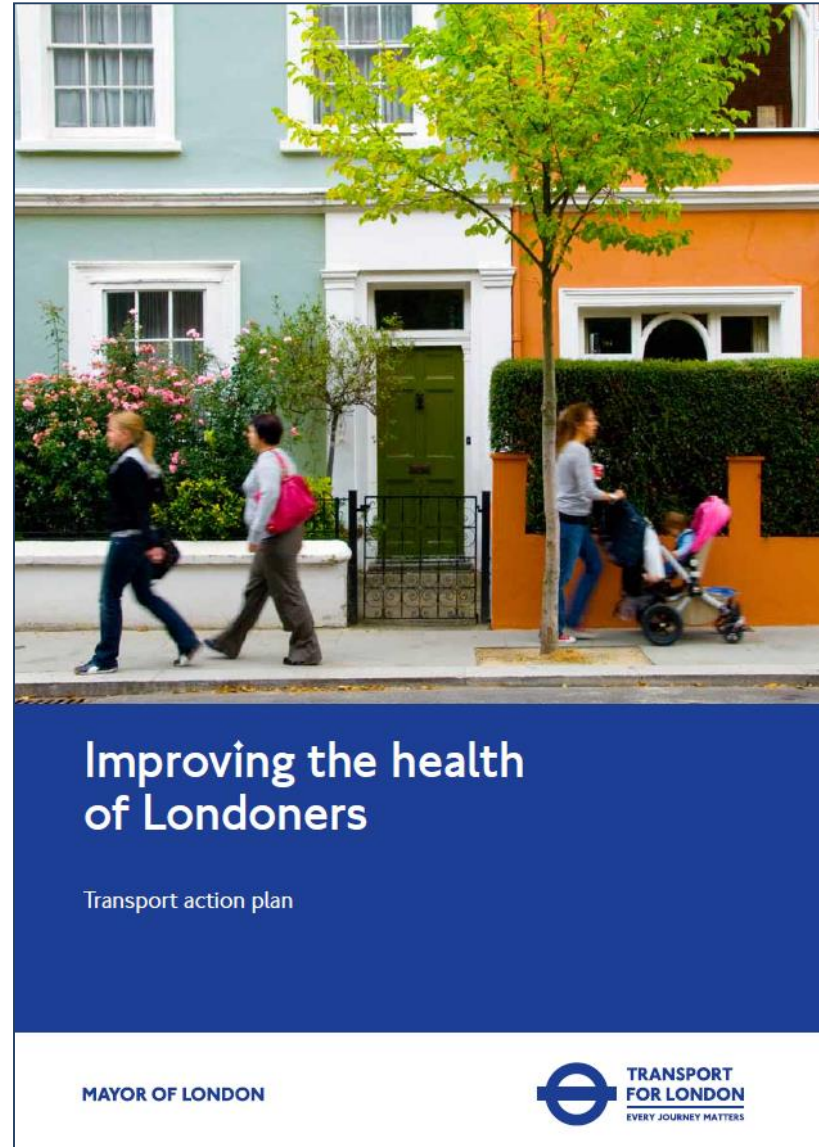
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TfL's new Health Action Plan

- The first document of its kind.
- Shifts the transport-health focus from access to healthcare to the broader role of transport & public realm in improving public health

˝ **Describes the links between transport and health**

˝ **How the transport system is already improving health**

˝ **How TfL will work differently to deliver greater health benefits & how we will measure it**

˝ **Tools and resources for transport and health practitioners to use.**

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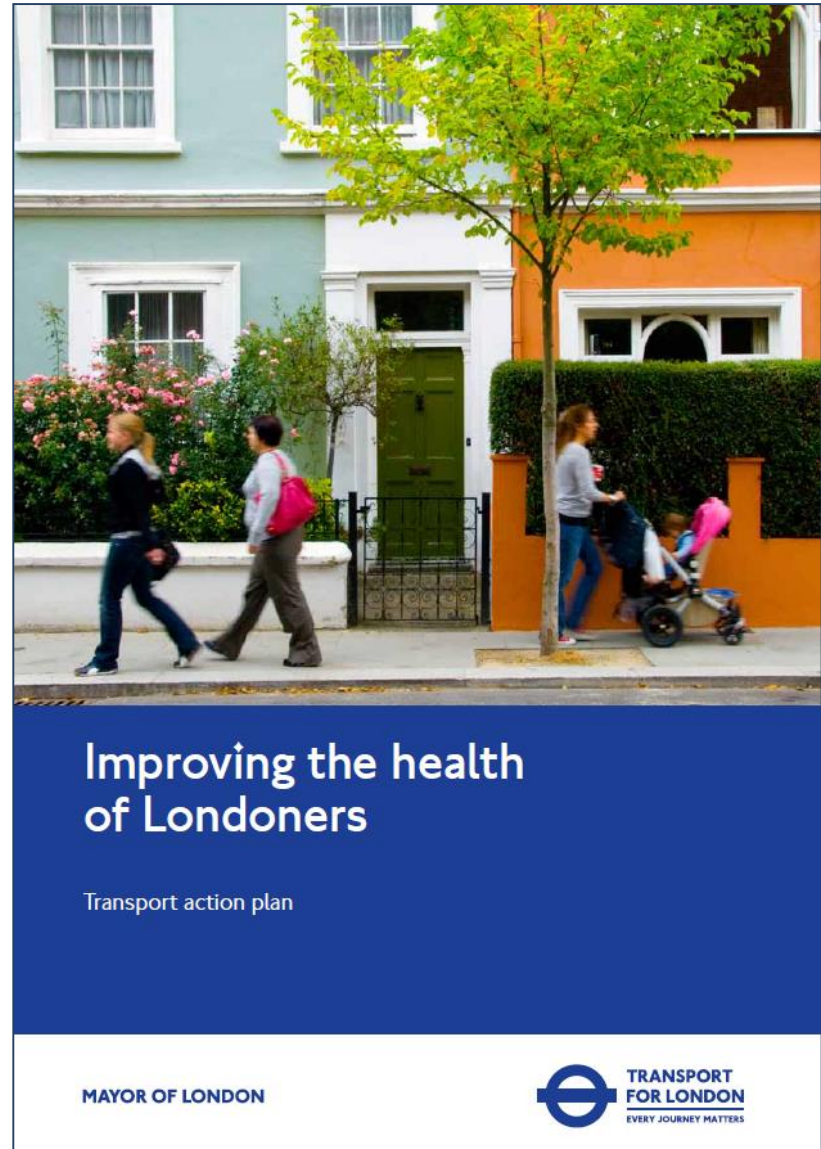TRANSPORT FOR LONDON
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TfL's new Health Action Plan

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Policy Context

Health

˝ Transport for London does not have direct responsibility for health.

˝ Greater London Authority should be improving health through everything that it does but receives no dedicated public health budget or staff.

˝ Local authorities (there are 33 in London) have public health funding, public health staff and public health responsibilities.

Transport

˝ Local authorities have transport funding, staff and responsibilities, they must work towards city-wide strategy set by TfL and rely on TfL for their funding.

˝ Large transport projects and the most heavily trafficked roads in London tend to be managed and funded by TfL.
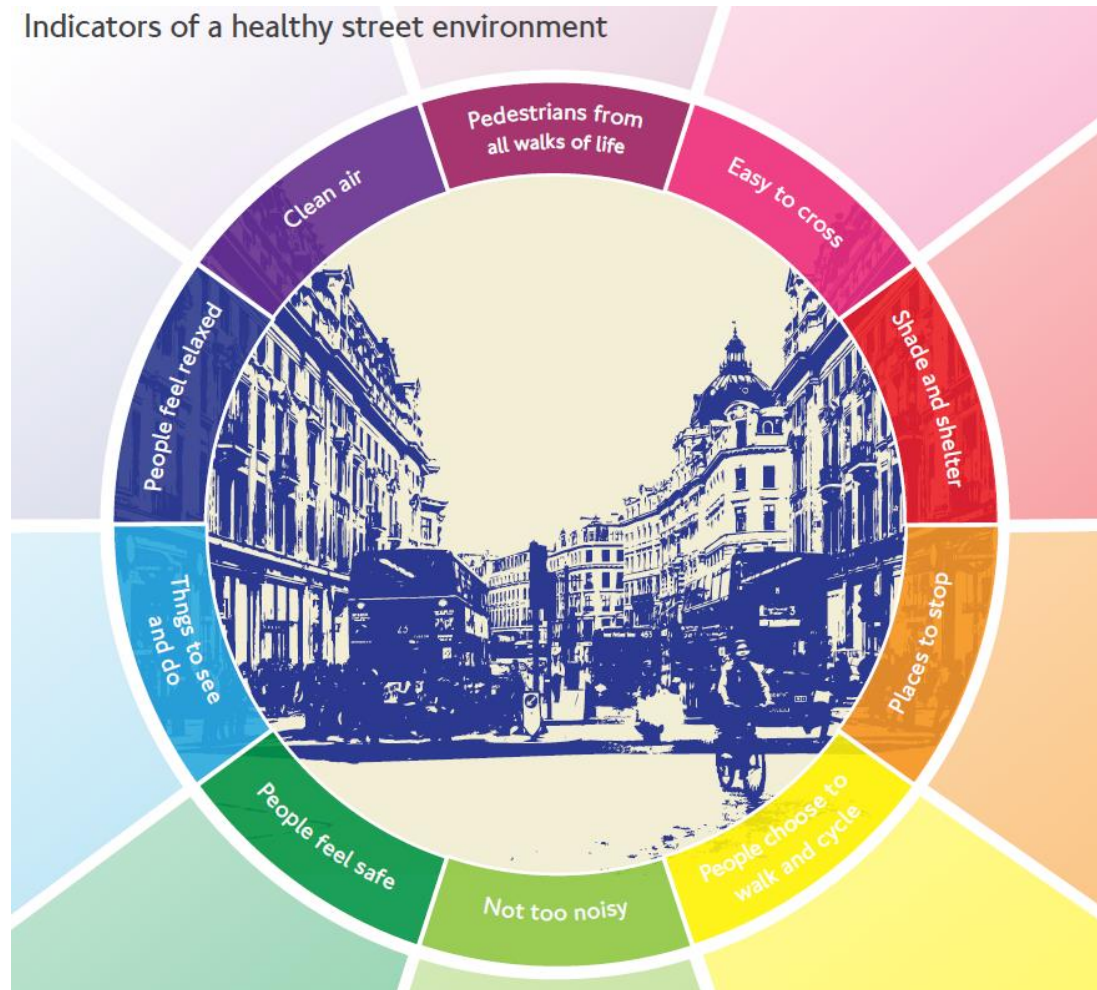
Healthy Streets

Overarching framework for the approach to health in transport in London.

Ensures a holistic approach to decision making around transport and health.

Helps to reduce health inequalities.

Aligns with new TfL 'Street Family' approach which treats streets differently depending on their relative 'movement' and 'place' functions.

Indicators of a healthy street environment

Pedestrians from all walks of life
Easy to cross
Clean air
Shade and shelter
People feel relaxed
Places to stop
Things to see and do
People choose to walk and cycle
People feel safe
Not too noisy

Our 10 actions for new ways of working 2014-2017

New ways of working with our internal stakeholders	Action 1	We will quantify and where possible monetise the health impacts of our projects and policies.
	Action 2	We will explicitly build health into the development and assessment of policies and projects.
	Action 3	We will evaluate the health impacts of our programmes.
	Action 4	We will assess what we are doing against the public health evidence base.
	Action 5	We will strengthen our Health Impact Assessment processes.
	Action 6	We will support staff to be more physically active as part of their daily travel.
New ways of working with our external stakeholders	Action 7	We will support boroughs to improve the health of their populations through their transport plans and investment.
	Action 8	We will work with public health intelligence specialists and academics.
	Action 9	We will work with the National Health Service to encourage travel analysis in the earliest stages of planning for changes to healthcare provision.
	Action 10	We will urge central government to support our role in increasing the physical activity levels of Londoners.

Next steps

Developing a standard framework for evaluating the health impacts of our projects.

Training our staff to use the WHO HEAT tool.

Embedding health measures in our business cases and option appraisals.

Talking to transport and health practitioners in the London boroughs to see what they need us to do to support them.

Reporting annually on progress using these measures:

Physical activity – cycling and walking levels
Air quality – NOx and PM monitoring
Road traffic collisions – casualties
Noise – transport-related noise ratings
Access and severance – access to opportunities scores
Healthy streets – perceptions of the urban realm

Thank you

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