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Who makes a healthy city?

Working together for health in Derry and Strabane

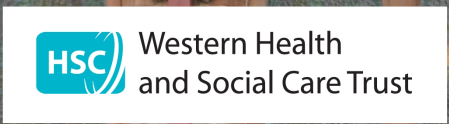
First, what is a healthy city?

"A healthy city is not one that has achieved a particular health status.
It is conscious of health and striving to improve it.

"Thus any city can be a healthy city, regardless of its current health status.
The requirements are: a commitment to health and a process and structure to achieve it"

World Health Organization Healthy Cities Vision





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Phase VII Healthy Cities Designation

- Our application demonstrated i) how health is integrated into the overall city development plan, and ii) the wealth of projects targeting identified health challenges
- Good practice examples included Northern Ireland's first council-level climate adaptation plan and coordinated investment in medical education and innovation for the benefit of local communities

Our reflections on Phase VII Healthy Cities Designation

- It takes a village (Or, more accurately one city, one town and loads of villages!). Complex problems need complex partnerships
- Health matters to everybody and integrates into everything – prosperity, sustainability, infrastructure
- Don't make decisions in a vacuum. Keep listening!

What next? Our themes for 2022/23



Healthy food
for all



Active lives
made easy



Warm houses,
clean air





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