

## Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: The Health of the Population  
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### Purpose of Report:

The presentation highlights the significant opportunities Greater Manchester has to improve health outcomes by building on emerging strengths and targeted interventions across the city-region. While the data reflects longstanding challenges around life expectancy, healthy life expectancy and deprivation, it also demonstrates clear signs of recovery following the pandemic and shows where focused, evidence-based action is already driving measurable progress. The analysis points to areas where Greater Manchester is well-placed to make further gains such as early-years support, prevention, and reducing health-related barriers to employment offering a strong platform for continued system-wide improvement and collaboration.

### Recommendations:

Members are asked to:

- Received and note the presentation.
- Help reduce health inequalities by sharing the key messages from this presentation within their wards and supporting local prevention initiatives such as vaccination, screening, and early-years programmes.

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