

# Mapping community needs in Hammersmith and Fulham

**A community consultation**

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# Context

H&F Giving is a charitable foundation set up to support areas of need in the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham. Densely populated and diverse, H&F has stark levels of inequality.

Since 2018, H&F Giving have distributed over £1 million to community groups, supporting organisations that make a big difference in the lives of locals.

Between June and October 2024, H&F Giving are working with **Rocket Science** to learn more about areas of need within the community.

Rocket Science is a research organisation that will be reviewing data and speaking to the community to bring together insights about local needs and the types of support that would be beneficial.

The purpose of this consultation is to share early findings from Rocket Science's desk review and learn your perspectives on the needs and experiences of those living, working and accessing services in the borough. We held two workshops and will next be scheduling one-to-one interviews with community stakeholders.

H&F Giving will use these findings to develop future funding campaigns and better target their support within the borough.

# Understanding need: Income, wealth and economic inequality

## Income

The richest tenth of Londoners, have more than 10 times the income of the poorest tenth.

In 2019, **14.2%** of the overall population in H&F was income-deprived.

In the least deprived ward in the borough, Palace Riverside, 6.2% of the local population is estimated to be income-deprived. However, **in the most deprived ward, Wormholt and White City, 24.4% are estimated to be income-deprived.**

## Savings

Around half of all family units in London have no savings or savings totaling less than £1,500.

## Debt

There are an estimated 12,000 people in problem debt within H&F.

## Housing

In 2024, the average price of a home in the borough was £767,000, :16x the average annual salary and the third highest price in all London boroughs.

**1 in 50 people in H&F have no home.**

## Secure work

Amongst the workforce, 43% are in secure work while 40% are in low or moderately secure work and 17% are in severely insecure work.

# Understanding need: Education, employment and opportunity inequality

## Early years

There are approximately **10,272 children under the age of five** living in the borough.

In 2022-23, **77%** of the borough's 5-year-olds met the 'expected level' across all communication and language learning goals. This total decreased from the previous year (79%).

## GCSEs

In 2022/23, **83%** of all individuals in the borough had achieved GCSEs in both subjects by age 19. H&F has had **higher** GCSE achievement rates than London and England since 2020.

## Apprenticeships and Further Education

Over the last 5 years, apprenticeship starts and achievement rates were **lower** in the borough than the London average, although achievement levels have been rising since 2021.

**Further education achievements dropped significantly in the borough** over the pandemic years, and though rising, have not surpassed pre-pandemic levels.

## SEND

In 2022/23, **6.4%** of local pupils had SEN statements/EHC plans in H&F. Of those aged 16-18 with SEN, **79.3%** were in sustained education, apprenticeship or employment.

## Absenteeism

In 2022/23, 17.5% of local primary school pupils and **24.8% of secondary pupils faced persistent absences at school.**

## Accessing support

In 2020, **half (52.65%) of local young people did not know where to access youth services.**

# Understanding need: Health inequality

## General health

Health is generally good in the borough, with the highest rate of ill health (5.7%) found in Old Oak and Wormwood.

## Drug and alcohol use

Between 2020 and 2022, death due to drug misuse was significantly higher in H&F (12.1/100,000) than the English average (5.2/100,000) or in other boroughs across London.

## Serious mental illness

In 2020-22, **455 people with serious mental illness died** in H&F, which equates to a mortality rate 4.8x that of people without mental illnesses.

## Healthy life expectancy

Time spent in very good or good health varies across London boroughs from 58-70 for males and females. In H&F, for males this is 66.1 and for females it is 62.6 years.

Waiting times for GP appointments vary across London, within NHS North West London ICB, 44% of GP appointments took place on the day of booking, **74%** within a week and 5% over 3 weeks.

## Green spaces

Half of London households have deficient access to open space. **81%** of addresses in H&F have access to outdoor space.

## Obesity

The **prevalence of obesity in adults is growing in the borough**. In 2022-2023, 18% of those over age 18 in H&F were classified as living with obesity.

# Call for Evidence

The data we've analysed to date are publicly available datasets, but we know from your own work you may have reports/evaluations, case studies, and monitoring data - please send these our way!

Please email submissions to [anna.johnson@rocketsciencelab.co.uk](mailto:anna.johnson@rocketsciencelab.co.uk) directly.

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