

Ageing with Opportunity

Joint Commissioning Strategy 2010-2026

Summary

This Joint Commissioning Strategy for Ageing with Opportunity is overseen by the Birmingham Health and Wellbeing Partnership (BHWP). It draws on the work of the City Council and the three Birmingham NHS Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) as well as the Birmingham Advisory Council of Older People (BACOP) and Birmingham's Older People's Reference groups.

Our Vision

Birmingham will be a great place in which to grow old.

This Joint Commissioning Strategy – Ageing with Opportunity seeks to make sure that every person:

1. Succeeds economically
2. Stays healthy
3. Enjoys a higher quality of life
4. Stays safe in a clean, green city
5. Makes a contribution to society in which they live
6. Makes the most of public money

The older people of Birmingham who have worked closely with us to produce this document see the city as being one:

- where services are joined up and all service providers are working together to deliver information, advice, transport and the best environment for older people so that they can gain access to whatever they need
- where older people stay healthy, enjoy their life and can be as involved as they wish in making full and active contributions to the future of the city
- where older people will be living in their home, which will meet their changing needs

- where living longer means improved quality of life and not just the number of years lived
- where age does not mean losing the right to make choices and having control of your life
- which is welcoming and has an all inclusive, mixed community who are all working together to make Birmingham a great place to live and grow old, and
- where older people feel safe in their homes and the area where they live.

What do we want to achieve and how will we achieve what we want for 2010-2026?

We are an ageing society and we are all expecting to live longer, healthier lives and to exercise greater choice and control over the help we might need to maintain our independence. This is at a time when the country is facing financial challenges. We are asking for your views on some difficult choices that we need to make for this strategy to become a reality.

We have asked older people “what is important to you?” The responses have been grouped into the six themes mentioned above, and we want to work with you to achieve them.

Consultation events

The consultation will be from 1 October 2009 until 22 January 2010. Public events to discuss the priorities will be held at a number of dates, times and locations across the city.

Contact us

If you would like more information please visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/older-people-2010-2026

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