

Erdington Ward

Introduction

Erdington is sited approximately four miles (6 Kms) from the city centre serving the suburbs to the north-eastern side of Birmingham. It is also one of the four wards that make up the Erdington Parliamentary Constituency.

The area is largely residential, has a thriving retail shopping centre and very little in the way of industrial development.

Erdington's centre is clearly defined by the land use pattern. Houses surrounding the High Street area are predominantly from the Victorian and Edwardian eras (1860-1915). The High Street shopping area is very profitable for retailers, it is partly pedestrianised, includes a shopping precinct and two market halls.

(www.birmingham.gov.uk)

Personnel

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Birmingham City Council Constituency Director: **Dave Ellis**

Birmingham City Council Constituency Support Officer: **Alison Nicholls**

A Constituency Support Officer (CSO) is a Birmingham City Council employee working in one ward within a Constituency, in the Erdington Constituency there are four wards therefore there are four CSO's.

CSO's are responsible for maintaining the records and monitoring of regeneration funds e.g. Working Neighbourhoods fund within a particular ward. They are one of the main contacts supporting the local counsellors and constituency office working towards improving the ward and constituency in relation to health, crime, education, employment, housing and environment. They also organise constituency meetings.

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A Neighbourhood Health Development Officer (NHDO) works by constituency Mohammed covers the Erdington Constituency. Erdington Constituency is overlapped by two localities (please refer to localities map on the website) NHDO's aim is to support and drive forward the Public and Patient Involvement (PPI) and reduce health inequalities within BEN PCT.

NHDO's objectives are to:

- Promote BEN PCT's activities within the Erdington Constituency
- Responsible for communicating and establishing links between Erdington Constituency organisations, local community and BEN PCT
- To encourage and support financial bids from local organisations to attract new funds for health activities in the Erdington Constituency. one of the prime examples of this is the constituency health theme panels jointly established by the NHDO's

and Birmingham City Council. (For further details please refer to the PPI section on the BEN PCT website)

- Guide local people on their greatest health needs and priorities in the Erdington Constituency.

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Key Points

Erdington Ward

1. Smoking is a key health concern for the Erdington Constituency. The ward considers the stop smoking campaign as one of the key drivers to help residents to quit smoking and reduce the levels of Coronary Heart Disease and Cancer.
2. Under the leading causes of death section of the ward profile, 35% of all ward deaths were due to diseases of the circulatory system (heart disease and stroke), while the four types of cancer listed (lung, breast, colon and prostate) accounted for a further 11%.

*(Birmingham Public Health Network (BPHN)
Erdington Ward Health Profile 2001, P.17)*

3. Erdington ward saw a very large rise in teenage conceptions between October 2002 – March 2004. Comparing this to ward statistics for Sutton Vesey in 2003/04: Fewer than 30 conceptions per 1,000 16-17 year olds and for the same period and age group Erdington ward statistics were around 100 conceptions per 1,000.

(BEN PCT Annual Public Health Report 2006, P. 25)

4. Taking the highest life expectancy of all the wards in Birmingham as the benchmark (Sutton New Hall, Life Expectancy = 81.2 years), Erdington ward residents are expected, on average, to live 5.5 fewer years. Average life expectancy compared to Birmingham's average of 76.5, Erdington's average life expectancy is 75.7 years.

(BPHN, Erdington Ward Health Profile 2001, P. 18)

5. The proportion of people in Erdington ward reporting themselves as being restricted by limiting long-term illness rises markedly with age, ranging from under 5% in the 0 to 15 age group, up to 74% for those aged 85+. Overall, one in five of the ward population are restricted by limiting long-term illness, with women reporting a higher rate than men.

(BPHN, Erdington Ward Health Profile 2001, P. 13)

6. Over 10% of Erdington residents are claiming incapacity benefits, compared to less than 4% in Sutton Four Oaks.

(BEN PCT Annual Public Health Report 2006, P. 16, Figure 10)

7. After referring to Erdington Wards deprivation levels it indicates high deprivation results in low levels of health lifestyle. Index of Multiple deprivation (IMD) score for Erdington is 34.80, making it the 9th most deprived ward in BEN PCT.

(BEN PCT Annual Public Health Report 2006, P. 15, Table 3)