

The life chances and wellbeing of young people are shaped by factors well beyond their immediate home and family life. The communities and neighbourhoods we grow up in play a big part in our development and health, and the quality of life we enjoy - or endure.

ActEarly is a major study launched this month. It will see researchers working with communities to build the “big picture” of factors impacting children’s health. This work is funded by the UK Prevention Research Partnership (UKPRP) – an alliance of research funders committed to supporting research into the primary prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

ActEarly will investigate what external factors influence our health and wellbeing so we can act early to better support healthy childhoods.

The ultimate aim is to improve the life chances of children in two predominantly deprived areas in the UK, Bradford (Yorkshire) and Tower Hamlets (London) focusing on three main areas – healthy places, healthy learning and healthy livelihoods.

Professor John Wright, who will be leading the study gives the background to this research and what it aims to achieve in a [new blog](#)



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