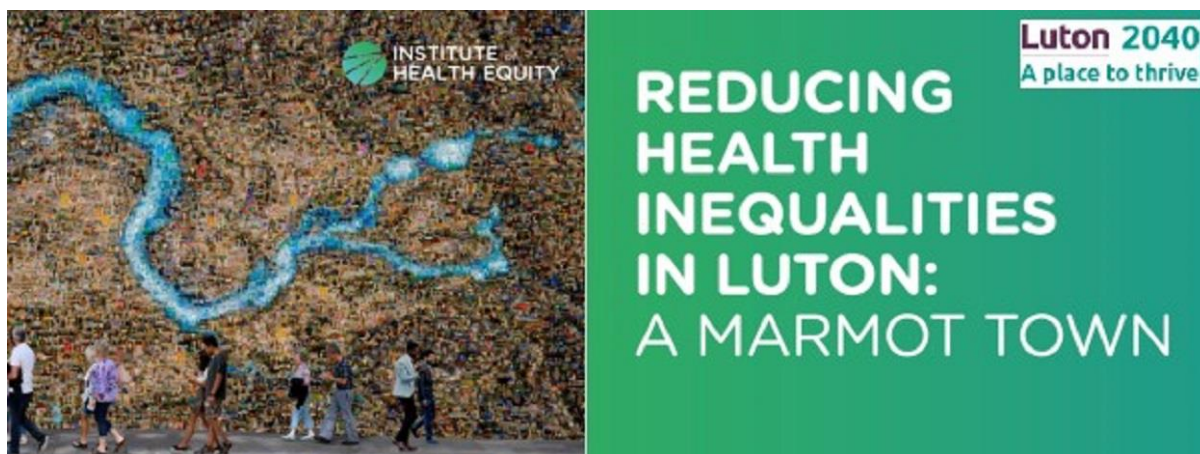


## Marmot town

Health equity town event: one year on

A Marmot place is one which has a significant commitment to tackle health inequalities through action on social determinants of health-the social and economic conditions which shape our health-and has strong and effective plans and policies to achieve these reductions in health inequalities.



Luton inequalities insight

From [Marmot report](#) Luton:

One factor, child poverty, is particularly important and will increase significantly in Luton, as across the country over the coming years. Already in 2019/20 a third of children in Luton were in low income households.

- There is considerable difference in rates of children in low income households within Luton and the proportion of children affected by income deprivation is five times higher in Northwell, where nearly one-third of children are in income-deprived households, than in Bramingham ward.
- While there is poverty within every ward the efforts to mitigate against its effects must be for the whole of Luton and proportionate to the scale of the problem. Luton's positive educational and development outcomes for children in poverty need to be built on and expanded. There are some particularly poor outcomes for looked after children, who need additional and tailored support.

Marmot recommendations:

1. increase the provision of Flying Start early years services beyond the current highly-targeted approach, developing the universal approach while retaining proportionate focus on areas with higher levels of deprivation.
2. reduce child poverty by ensuring that early years and maternity services VCFSE organisation and employers support households to access available benefits and services and pay a living wage.

3. assess maternity leave policies and support for child care by all employers, including public sector and private business.
4. build on Luton's success in school readiness with a system- wide ambition to bring all children above the average for pupils in England.

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment ([JSNA](#)) uses the information that is gathered to identify local priorities and support commissioning services and interviews based on need. This helps us achieve better health and wellbeing outcomes and reduce health inequalities in Luton.

Activities and events

[Luton health equity town](#)

[Lucy Nicholson reflects on 2023 's conference](#)

[Reducing Health Inequalities in Luton](#)