

# Councillor Evelyn Akoto

## Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing

Cllr Akoto leads the council's work to improve the health and wellbeing of our residents. This includes our work on COVID-19, public health, adult social care and our partnership with the NHS. She also leads the council's work to ensure older people and people with disabilities are fully included in the life of our borough. She will work to reduce health inequality in the borough including those faced by our Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities. In addition, Cllr Akoto will safeguard the needs of vulnerable adults and the provision of personal social services.

Cllr Akoto will be responsible for delivering our commitment to:

- make Southwark a Right to Food Borough
- ensure all Southwark residents can access mental wellbeing support
- reduce inequalities in access to healthcare
- expand our Community Health Ambassadors network
- provide a defibrillator (AED) for every school and in public buildings
- introduce support for all unpaid carers
- roll out our new Residential Care Charter
- every care home having a Family Forum
- open a new nursing home and more extra care housing
- seek opportunities to bring social care services in house
- campaign to keep our NHS in public ownership
- establish a modern centre for Black African and Caribbean elders run by and for the community they serve
- establish a new Inclusive Southwark Forum

Cllr Akoto will have wider responsibility for:

- COVID-19
- older people
- adults with disabilities
- public health, including health improvement, protection and intelligence
- adult social care, including nursing and care homes
- local health services, including GP practices
- integration of health and social care services
- childhood obesity (working with the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education)
- drug and alcohol services
- sexual health, contraception and HIV
- commissioning of supported, extra care and sheltered housing