

# Councillor Evelyn Akoto

## Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing

Cllr Akoto's responsibilities include:

- **Public health** - including reducing health inequalities; Covid19 and health protection; Community Health Ambassadors; vaccinations, immunisation and screening; health visiting, school nursing and childhood obesity; sexual health, contraception and HIV; and smoking, drug and alcohol services
- **Adult social care** - including adult safeguarding; home care; nursing and care homes; occupational therapy, aids and adaptations; and commissioning extra care, sheltered and supported housing
- **Health and wellbeing partnerships** - overseeing key stakeholder relationships such as Partnership Southwark and SC1
- **Improving health services** - working with the NHS, general practice (GPs), local hospitals, community health services and pharmacists,
- **Adult mental health**
- **Older people** - including ensuring Southwark is an age friendly borough and opening a modern centre for Black African and Caribbean elders
- **Adults with disabilities** - including social care support; increasing the voice and influence of people with disabilities and their families in local decision making
- **Carers** - support for people who are providing unpaid care for adult family members or friends with a disability or health condition, including respite care
- **Food** - making Southwark a right to Food borough with access to affordable healthy food for all

Cllr Akoto's additional responsibilities now include:

- **Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour** – including community wardens, anti-social behaviour team, noise service, CCTV, public spaces protection orders, preventing hate crime, tackling modern day slavery
- **Violence reduction** – working to end misogyny and violence against women and girls; and youth violence and the criminal exploitation of young people
- **Domestic abuse** – support for people who have experienced domestic abuse, Women's Safety Centre and safe spaces
- **Improving policing** – promoting equitable policing and strengthening community relations with the police
- **Licencing** – of premises serving alcohol or late night refreshment and of gambling
- **Environmental health** – including trading standards, food safety and environmental protection
- **Private rented housing** – increasing protections for private renters licencing and advice services for private sector renters