

Chapter 7 Reducing the burden of preventable disease, disability and death

The preceding chapters of the JSNA have focused on reducing inequalities by promoting wellbeing in the early and school years, improving employment and employability and supporting healthy, resilient communities. The development of long-term conditions and subsequent mortality follow a clear social gradient. Evidence-based prevention, early detection and treatment of the major causes of mortality are essential to reduce inequalities across the life course. The Marmot Review recognised the importance of ill-health prevention with the following priorities:

- *Prioritise prevention and early detection of those conditions most strongly related to health inequalities*
- *Increase availability of long-term and sustainable funding in preventing ill-health across the social gradient*

This chapter addresses the prevention, early detection and treatment of key causes of morbidity and mortality in Walsall.