WHAT IS HEALTHWISE?

The Healthwise physical activity referral scheme introduces individuals to the benefits of physical activity in order to help reduce risk factors for chronic disease, and manage existing medical conditions.

The programme aims to encourage people of all abilities to become and remain more physically active, helping to increase activity levels and improve health and wellbeing.





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- **01. Hammersmith Fitness and Squash Centre** Chalk Hill Road, Hammersmith, W6 8DW Tel: 020 8741 8028
- 02. Lillie Road Fitness Centre Lillie Road, Fulham, SW6 7PD Tel: 020 7381 2183
- 03. Phoenix Fitness Centre and Janet Adegoke Swimming Pool Bloemfontein Road, Shepherds Bush, W12 7DB Tel: 020 8735 4900

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HEALTHWISE: Physical activity Referral scheme







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WHO IS HEALTHWISE FOR?

The scheme is for H&F residents or patients registered with a H&F GP/ doctors surgery who are physically inactive. It is designed to assist people with medical conditions or other specialist requirements that may be a barrier to accessing mainstream activity in leisure centres.

Common reasons for referral:

- High blood pressure
- Diabetes
- Asthma
- Circulatory/respiratory diseases
- Depression and anxiety
- Arthritis.



HOW CAN BEING MORE ACTIVE HELP ME?

Regular activity can reduce the risk of major illnesses, such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes and cancer.

Regular activity will help to:

- Keep your heart strong and healthy
- Reduce stress and anxiety
- Assist with weight loss and weight management
- Strengthen your muscles
- Improve your mobility and posture
- Assist with smoking cessation
- Improve your quality of life and overall health.

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

Healthwise offer a range of activities to suit all abilities. Your facilitator will help you select suitable classes.

Your physical activity programme may include some of the following:

- Gym-based supervised sessions
- Group exercise options
- Water-based exercise

THE HEALTHWISE TEAM WILL HELP:

- Assess and monitor your progress
- Motivate and encourage you during your activity programme
- Advise you on how to exercise safely and with confidence
- Answer your questions.

MEMBERSHIP

All successful referrals referred by a Health professional will be required to take out a subsidised membership at the beginning of their intervention. This will provide access to gym, swim & classes at all Better leisure centres in the borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.

HOW TO REGISTER

If you are interested in Healthwise then please speak to your GP, practice nurse or Social prescribing link worker, who must refer you. If your GP is not registered with the scheme then please contact the Healthwise Coordinator at your local Better Leisure Centre. If your GP or nurse feel you may benefit from Healthwise they will need to complete a referral form and send it on to the Healthwise team. Healthwise will contact you to screen your referral further and if successful you will be signposted to the appropriate intervention with a Healthwise Facilitator.