WHERE IS **HEALTHWISE AVAILABLE?**

1. Arches Leisure Centre

Trafalgar Road Greenwich SE10 9UX Tel: 020 8317 5020 www.better.org.uk/arches

2. Coldharbour Leisure Centre

Chapel Farm Road New Eltham SE9 3LX Tel: 020 8851 8692 www.better.org.uk/coldharbour

3. Eltham Centre

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Archery Road Fltham SF9 1HA Tel: 020 8921 4344 www.better.org.uk/eltham

4. Thamesmere Leisure Centre

Thamesmere Drive Thamesmead SE28 8RE Tel: 020 8311 1119 www.better.org.uk/thamesmere

5. Waterfront Leisure Centre

Woolwich High Road Woolwich London SE18 6DL Tel: 020 8317 5000 ext. 2130 www.better.org.uk/waterfront

How to register: If you are interested in Healthwise then please speak to your GP or Practice Nurse who must refer you.

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CONTACT US

Waterfront Leisure Centre

Woolwich High Road Woolwich London SE18 6DL Tel: 020 8317 5000 ext. 2130 Fax: 0208 317 5011 Email: healthwise.greenwich@gll.org

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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 fitness levels and improve health and well-being.

WHO IS **HEALTHWISE FOR?**

The scheme is for Greenwich residents or patients from a Greenwich based GP/Doctors surgery who are not active. It is designed to assist people with medical conditions or other specialist requirements that prevent them from entering mainstream exercise.

Common reasons for referral:

- High blood pressure
- Diabetes
- Obesity

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- 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
- To reduce stress and anxiety
- To assist with weight loss and weight management
- To strengthen your muscles
- To improve your mobility and improve posture
- To assist with smoking cessation
- To improve your quality of life and overall health.

WHAT ACTIVITIES **ARE AVAILABLE?**

Healthwise offer a range of classes 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
- Healthy walks
- Waterbased exercise
- Weight management classes
- Musculoskeletal classes (lower back)
- Cardiac & pulmonary rehabilitation classes.

HOW WILL THE TEAM **SUPPORT ME?**

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.

HOW TO REGISTER:

If you are interested in Healthwise then please speak to your GP or Practice Nurse 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 onto the Healthwise team.

Healthwise will then contact you to make an appointment for you to attend an initial assessment with one of the facilitators.

You will then be registered for a course of supervised or unsupervised activity for between 13-26 weeks.

